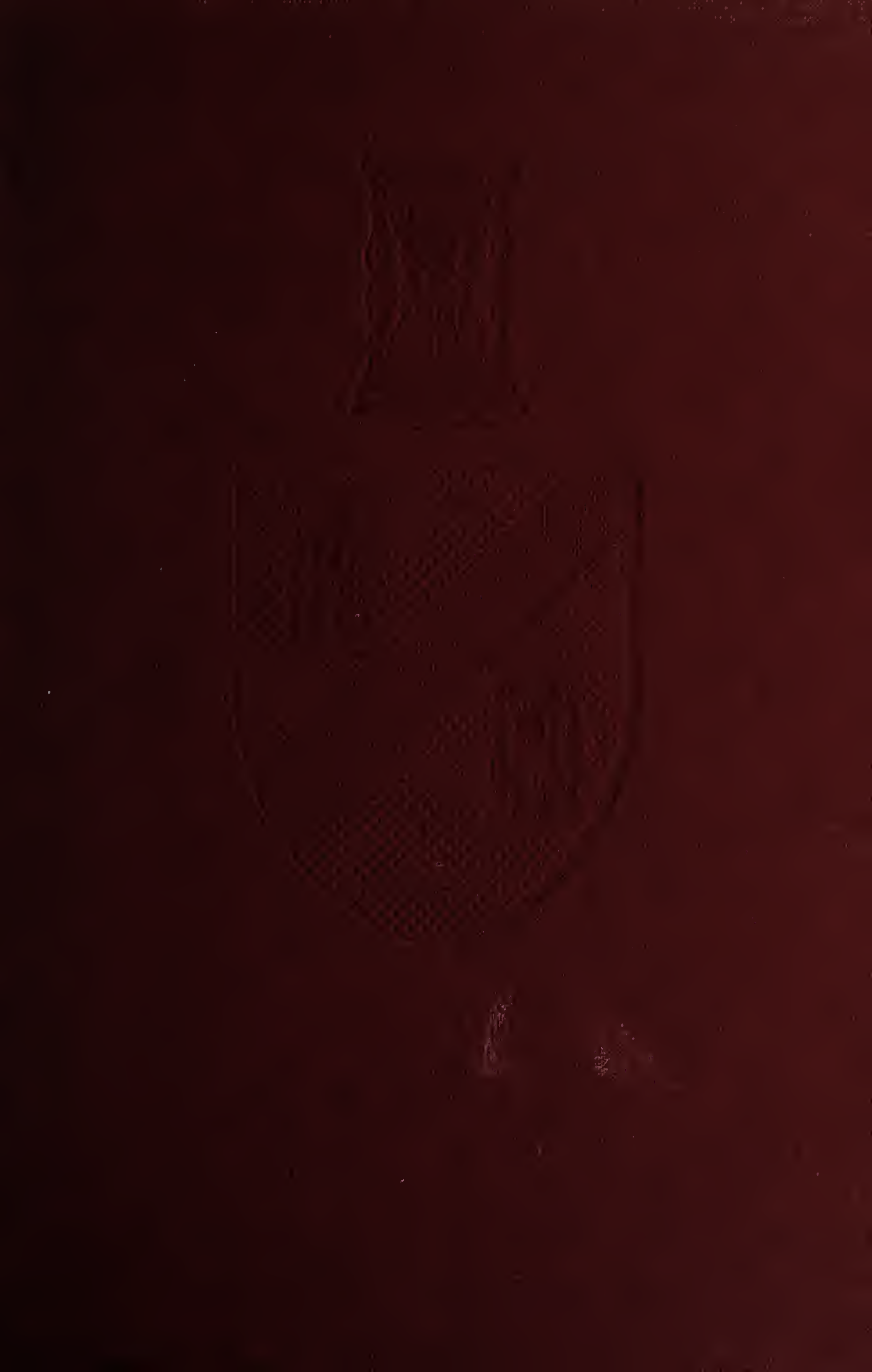

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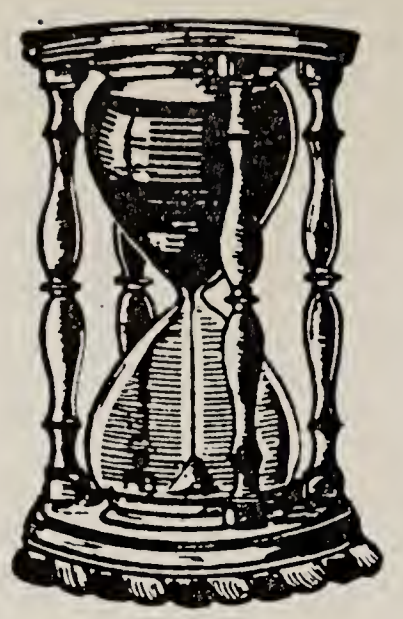

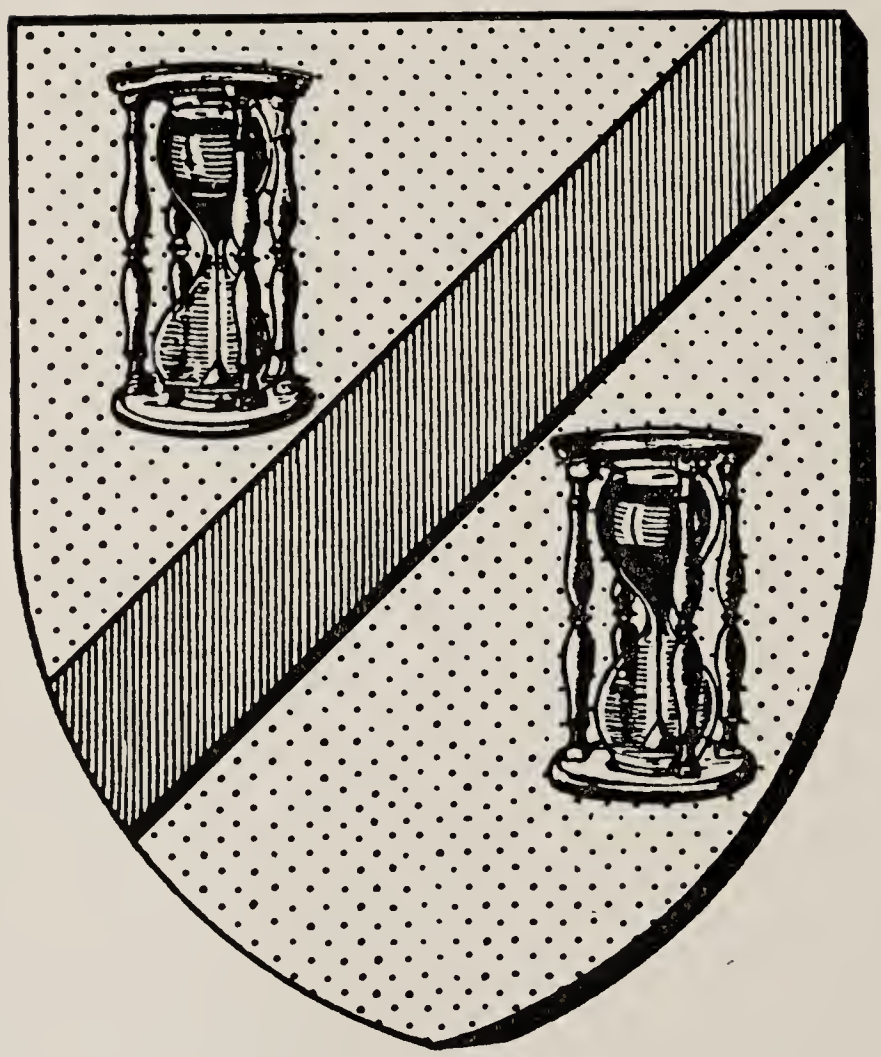

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Which Was Known in America as Van Der Veer Family

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Or a bend sinister gules between two hourglasses proper; the crest is an hourglass of the arms. Rietstap's *Armorial General* lists these arms under Dominicus, Zelande.

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Foreword

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The founder of the Van Der Veer family in New York and New Jersey was Cornelis Jansz van der Veer alias Cornelis Jansz de Seeuw (from Zeeland) who settled in New Netherland in 1659, and on January 13, 1661, with others petitioned for a plantation on the Canarissee in Flatbush. The family name used by Cornelis Jansz in his native Zeeland was Dominicus and not Van der Veer the surname by which he was known in New Netherland.

The proof of the above statements consists of a public record at Dordrecht, Holland, in the year 1706, which shows the colonist, then deceased, by the name Cornelis Jansz Dominicus, and a brother by the name of Jacob Jansz Dominicus. Rietstap's *Armorial General* lists under Dominicus, Zelande, the arms of this family: Or a bend sinister gules between two hour glasses proper. The crest is an hour glass of the arms.

Prior to the arrival of Cornelis Jansz van der Veer in 1659, another person of the same surname appeared in a New Netherland deed dated January 3, 1650, that of Teunis Jansen van der Veere(n), Doc. Col. Hist.: XIV, 141, 142.

A bearer of the same name is mentioned on November 3, 1636, the late Jacob Jacobsen van der Veer, formerly a skipper in New Netherland.

Also a Pieter Cornelise van der Veer of New Amsterdam conveyed on October 15, 1653, a lot on the present Pearl Street of New York City, Lib. GG of patents in the office of the Secretary of State, Albany, New York.

The source of the above information is found in an article by William J. Hoffman, "Van der Veer," *The American Genealogist,* XXII, July 1945, 22-26 and an article by the same author, "The Dutch Ancestry of the Van der Veer Family," *The New York Genealogical and Biographical Record,* LXXIX, April 1948, 76-81. Lester D. Mapes also wrote on this family in his "Early Generations of the Vanderveer Family," *Ibid.* LXVIII, July 1937, 202-216.

Teunis G. Bergen in his *Register . . . of the Early Settlers of Kings County, Long Island, N. Y. . . .* New York, 1881, 323-325, records the transaction by Pieter Cornelise van der Veer of New Amsterdam.

Numerous Van der Veer records, both public and private, of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware, have been examined and analyzed in a serious attempt to trace the movements of members of this family, with particular emphasis to establish a connection with the family of John Vandeveer, Sr., of North Carolina, who is the subject of this work.

It is known definitely that he was in Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1773, when he married Amelia Speer, and in Surry County, North Carolina, when he was granted land there in 1784, on Forbes Creek. Rowan County was formed from Anson County, North Carolina, in 1753. Undoubtedly the loss of Anson County's records by fire in 1868 contributes to the failure to establish the desired connection.

An early documentary record of a Van der Veer in Anson County is found in the will of Thomas Smith of that county, executed August 12, 1751, which was witnessed by Aaron Vandeavers, Anson County, Will Book I, page 1, 1749-1789 (App. I).

A marriage bond of Rowan County, North Carolina, dated September 9, 1778, shows John Vandeveer as bondsman to the intended marriage of William Jones to Mary Vandevare.

Another North Carolina Vandever family was recorded by Mary Vandever Frederick (Mrs. Alvarado C. Frederick), in 1934, in a manuscript in typewritten form over six hundred pages long, which has come into the possession of her son, John Vandever Frederick, 728 South St. Louis Street, Los Angeles, California. It begins as follows: One Vandeveer was born in Delaware County, Pennsylvania, sixteen miles from Philadelphia, who married Polly Jones, born in Pennsylvania. They moved to Rowan County, North Carolina, in 1734, and had the following children, Berry Vandeveer, John Vandeveer, a sea captain who died at sea, Thomas Vandeveer, who died at nineteen years of age, Charles Vandeveer, George Vandeveer, born in 1732, all born in Pennsylvania, and the following born in North Carolina, Sally Vandeveer who married James Austin, Polly Vandeveer who married William Jones, Betty Vandeveer who married Joshua Spois (Speer), Ruth Vandeveer who married Joshua Speer, and Nancy Vandeveer who married David Pettijohn. All marriages took place in North Carolina. The line of George Vandeveer, who is called a ragged continental and said to have been at the surrender of Lord Cornwallis, and who married Elizabeth Logan, in Surry County, N. C., then a part of Rowan County, is carried on. No documentary proof is given for the aforementioned data. Mrs. Frederick continued her compilation with her own line from a John Vandever who married Jane Irwin in North Carolina, and died in Preble County, Ohio, and had ten children, Vincent, born November 20, 1793, in North Carolina, and the others in Preble County, Ohio, Jane, born February 28, 1797, Elizabeth, Sarah, Noah, William, John Franklin, Martha, Isabel, and Angeline. No connection is seen between the above

families with the family of John Vandeveer of Rowan County, North Carolina, who married Amelia Speer, in 1773.

In the study of the Vandeveer family of North Carolina consideration should be given to the formation of the counties. Rowan was formed 1753 from Anson; Anson formed 1750 from Bladen; Bladen formed 1734 from New Hanover; New Hanover formed 1729 from Craven; and Craven formed 1712 from Archdale. Surry was created in 1771 from Rowan.

A preliminary article on this family entitled "The Vandeveer Family," by Mabel Van Dyke Baer, was printed in *The Indiana Magazine of History,* Volume LV, March 1959, No. 1, pages 65-70.

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The Vandeveers

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DESCENDANTS OF JOHN VANDEVEER, SR.

1

THE progenitor of the Indiana branch of the family was John Vandeveer, Sr., who married Amelia Speer in Rowan County, North Carolina, as evidenced by his marriage bond dated January 9, 1773, with Aaron Speer as bondsman and Ad. Osborn as witness, on file in the State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, N. C.

It was stated by William T. Vandeveer of Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, in a letter to a member of the family, that John Vandeveer and brothers of Amelia Speer fought in the Revolutionary War under General Francis Marion the "Swamp Fox," but no documentary evidence has been found of this service. (Mr. Vandeveer's letter was dated November 22, 1921.) It must be recalled that records of General Marion's guerilla warfare are scant.

On November 3, 1784, John Vandeveer was granted 100 acres of land in Surry County, North Carolina, on the waters of Forbes Creek (the present Forbush Creek) which flows into the Yadkin River, as shown by Land Grant 774, Survey 631, Deed Book G, page 122, and Book H, page 196, on file in the Department of State, Raleigh, North Carolina. He sold this land on July 25,

1797, to William Spillman, preparatory to moving to Kentucky (Book G, p. 122, Surry County, N. C., Deeds). (App. II and III).

A George Vandevor was granted on November 1, 1793, a tract of 150 acres in Surry County on Forbes Creek, adjacent to John Speer's line, for which a survey was made by H. Speer on September 22, 1796; he too moved to Kentucky and was described as "of Lincoln County, Kentucky," when he sold his land on August 8, 1799, to John Rash of Surry County, North Carolina, by a deed executed by the oath of Henry Speer, Esq., in the Surry County court, February term of 1801, Deed Book I, page 98. (App. IV, V, VI).

Charles Vandever bought land on Turners Creek from Arge Turner, both of Surry County, North Carolina, on March 29, 1790, as shown in Surry County Deed Book E, page 118. He sold 73 acres of this land on August 26, 1796, to John Smith and the deed recorded in Book F, page 353 was signed by him and his wife Sarah Vandever. He also sold 120 acres of land on Forbes Creek to George Vandever on December 8, 1794, recorded in Book F, page 156 (App. VII, VIII, IX).

John Vandeveer, Sr., was on the tax lists of Lincoln County, Kentucky, in 1803 and 1806 on the tax lists of Adair County, Kentucky. These lists are in the Kentucky Historical Society, Frankfort, Kentucky (App. X, XI).

John Vandeveer received a land grant of 166 acres on Wolf's Creek, South of the Green River, a headright claim, which was surveyed on June 4, 1807, in Adair County (now Russell County), Kentucky, as recorded in Deed Book 20, page 544, at Columbia, Kentucky. Willard Rouse Jillson in his *Kentucky Land Grants* states that up to 1797 no person could enter in Kentucky except a soldier, but afterwards any person over 21 years old who had a family could enter.

Due to a decree, John Vandeveer, on June 10, 1822, apparently lost these lands to Thomas Hughes, a prior claimant, as recorded in Adair County Deed Book E, page 705. John Vandeveer was at this date in Orange County, Indiana (App. XII, XIII).

The Third Census of the United States, 1810, pages 354, 363, 364, and 392, in the National Archives, Washington, D. C., show Vandeveer and related families, including John Vandeveer, Sr., his wife and children.

Soon after 1810, John Vandeveer, Sr., his sons and collateral families crossed the Ohio River and purchased lands in Stamper's Creek Township, now in Orange County, Indiana, but then in Washington County.

When the Vandeveer families came into Indiana they followed in the wake of a large number of Kentucky and North Carolina pioneers who began, in 1809, to settle in Stamper's Creek Township because of its excellent farm land. Like other families from the South, the Vandeveers were eager to rid themselves of slavery and to found a home and fortune "where evil had no footing." This family movement into Orange County continued until about 1835. William Wire came in 1813, Robert Hollowell in 1816, and John Vandeveer in 1814.

Orange County had been up to February 10, 1817, a part of Washington County and this area during the settlement period was on the main line of travel from the Ohio-Indiana boundary to Vincennes on the Wabash River. One of the earliest roads in the State of Indiana was that from New Albany to Vincennes which was first surveyed by John McDonald and John G. Clendennin in 1822, to be a section of a through mail stage line from Washington, D. C., to Franklin, Missouri. This 107-mile stretch of highway was open by 1824 according to a notice which appeared in the *Western Sun* that year announcing that the United States mail coach would leave Louisville, on the Kentucky side of the Ohio and just opposite New Albany, at 12 M., Saturday, April 10, and arrive in Vincennes at 9 A.M., Tuesday. The land which John Vandeveer and his sons purchased and on which they lived lay along or near this road. Present Road 150 follows closely this same route.

As early as 1814, George Vandeveer came from Kentucky and settled near the head of Patoka Creek, where he afterwards opened a school, a round log structure with a dirt floor, no windows, doors, or shutters. It was set on land which in 1884 was owned by Mrs.

Nancy Lynch. Here he taught one summer and then moved to the house of Mr. Pierce near the head of the Patoka Creek. He taught in this school three months each year up to 1829, with fifteen pupils in average attendance. The subjects were reading, writing, spelling, and primary numbers. The patrons included the Vandeveers, Danners, Holladays, Bosleys, Pierces, and Shores. The district schools were established in 1829 and by 1880, Township 1, North of Range 1 East, was noted for the finest public schools in the county. The Danner schoolhouse was built in 1832 and its patrons still numbered children of the Vandeveer and Danner families as well as the Hollowells and Noblitts.

The Vandeveer families were prominent in the forming of the churches in Orange County, and were officers and members of the Baptist church from 1816 in the Blue River Association. Aaron Vandeveer, Charles Vandeveer and Joel Vandeveer were messengers to the Rock Spring Church near the head of the Patoka River, where William Noblitt, husband of Polly Vandeveer, preached in 1826. In that year Aaron Vandeveer was ordained to the ministry and three years later Charles Vandeveer was ordained. The first meeting of the United Brethren Church in Stamper's Creek Township was held at the house of Joseph Danner in the latter part of the 1820's, on a farm owned in 1884 by Edward Mussear. The church was later called Danner's Chapel and built in 1850.

The Vandeveers were not unmindful of their duties in performing military service. The *Executive Journal,* Indiana Territory, records that John Vandeveer was commissioned Ensign, 10 Regiment Indiana Militia, on May 1, 1816, and that Charles Vandeveer was commissioned Lieutenant, 13 Regiment, Indiana Militia, on April 20, 1816.

Much historical material on this area is in the *Indiana Historical Society Publications,* Vol. 3, 243-245, and Vol. 5, 112-113. Goodspeed's *Laurence, Orange and Washington Counties, Indiana,* 1884, records activities of this region. Especially pertinent are pages 436 and 622.

The name of Thomas Vandeveer recurs in the early records of Adair and Henry Counties, Kentucky, and also in Orange County,

Indiana, along with the names of John Vandeveer and Aaron Vandeveer, but it has not been determined if Thomas Vandeveer fits in with these families. However, all three names were on the tax lists of 1805, 1806, and 1807 in Adair County, Kentucky, for lands held on Wolf Creek, which now lies in Russell County, but before 1826 were in Adair County (App. XI). By 1810, the families of John, Sr., John, Jr., Aaron, Thomas, Sr., Thomas, Jr., George, Aaron, Sr., and Charles Vandeveer were in Henry County, Kentucky, as shown by the census of that year. Some of the members of these families were married in that county. Thomas Vandeveer and Elijah Summers baptized thirty persons in 1811-1812 as members of the first Baptist church in Henry County at New Castle. The church was formed April 6, 1799, and was known as Drennon's Creek Baptist Church and in 1804 was united with the Long Run Association. Its records are incomplete because the church later known as "Old Rock" burned and its books were destroyed. Thomas Vandeveer entered land in Orange County, Indiana, in 1817, and pursued his profession in the ministry. We find many marriages performed by him between 1816 and 1822. He was associate circuit judge in 1818, and probate judge from 1829 to 1835. In the Indiana legislature in 1821, Thomas Vandeveer represented Spencer, Dubois. Perry, and Lewis Townships, all part of Warrick County.

Thomas Vandeveer was enumerated on the 1820 and 1830 censuses of Orange County, Indiana, as a male of 45 years and up, and on the 1840 census he appears in Northeast Township of that county, p. 26, as sixty to seventy years old.

Another of the Vandeveer family who has not been fully identified is Lovel Vandeveer, who first appears on the 1830 census, Orange County, Indiana, p. 92, as twenty to thirty years old, on the same page with John Vandeveer, Jr., and Charles Vandeveer. Lovel Vandeveer was said by William T. Vandeveer of Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, to have been a kinsman of his ancestors. He took up land in Orange County, Indiana, in Sections 29 and 30, Township 1N, Range 2E, in 1831 and 1837 (App. XIV, XV).

There were many land transactions by Vandeveers which are recorded in the deeds of Orange County, Indiana, between January

1817 and September 1862, and several between the latter date and the year 1870 (App. XVI, XVII).

It was against this background that John Vandeveer, Sr., and his wife, Amelia Speer, reared a large family of children, some probably born in North Carolina and Virginia and others born in that part of Kentucky which before its statehood in 1792 was in Virginia. The children married into families later well known in Orange and Washington Counties, Indiana.

John Vandeveer, Sr., had died by June 1, 1835, because a deed executed that date in Orange County, Indiana, by George Vandeveer and his wife, Jane Eliza Speer, of Sangamon County, Illinois, mentions Amelia Vandeveer as the widow of John Vandeveer, deceased, Orange County, Indiana, Deed Book E, p. 323. George Vandeveer in this deed sold land to his brother, Joel Vandeveer, in Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Orange County, Indiana (App. XVIII). John Vandeveer, Sr., was on the 1820 census, Orange County, Indiana, Southeast Township, p. 194, aged 45 years and up, wife the same age, and no children listed. He is not on the 1830 census of that county although his sons, John, Jr., George, and Joel appear.

Efforts to locate the graves of John Vandeveer, Sr., and his wife, Amelia Speer, have not been successful. Mr. J. Ben Purkhiser of Salem, Indiana, the present owner of the farm in Section 29, Orange County, Indiana, where John Vandeveer, Sr., lived, wrote in 1957 that there were about twenty sand stones in the graveyard in the center of the woods on the farm, but there were no inscriptions on the stones. It is thought by local historians that these stones mark the graves of a band of persons who were traveling over the nearby Albany-Vincennes pike and died of cholera.

Known children of John Vandeveer, Sr., and his wife, Amelia Speer (order of some uncertain):

+2. John[2] Vandeveer, Jr., born 1783, married Susannah French.

+3. Aaron Vandeveer, born February 7, 1785, married Nancy French, sister of Susannah French.

+4. Charles Vandeveer.

+5. George Vandeveer, born about 1792, married (1) Jane Eliza Speer, and (2) Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick McWilliams, widow of Alexander McWilliams.

+6. Joel Vandeveer, born 1794, in North Carolina, married (1) Rachel Moore, and (2) Mrs. Rebecca Duncan, widow of Nathaniel H. Duncan.

+7. Amelia Vandeveer, born May 11, 1795, married (1) Abraham Noblitt, and (2) a Mr. Hazlewood.

8. Nancy Vandeveer, married in Washington County, Indiana, on January 28, 1819, Jesse Elgin, the marriage performed by Aaron Vandever, as recorded in Book A, of marriages. She died in Rochester, Sangamon County, Illinois, about 12 miles southeast of Springfield, Illinois, where she is buried.

9. Polly Vandeveer, married William Noblitt, son of John Noblitt and his wife, Nancy Keys, of Virginia and Henry County, Kentucky. They lived a short time in Orange County, Indiana, where William Noblitt preached at the Rock Spring Baptist Church in 1826. They later moved to Martin County and from there to Bartholomew County, Indiana, where he died in 1833. William Noblitt was the brother of Abraham Noblitt who married Amelia Vandeveer, Polly's sister.

+10. Cynthia Vandeveer, born October 30, 1800, married Garvin Ralston, sometimes written as Galvin or Gavin Ralston.

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JOHN[2] VANDEVEER, JR. (John, Sr.[1]), was born 1783, in North Carolina, or in Kentucky, probably then part of Virginia, and married in Adair County, Kentucky, Susannah French, daughter of James French and his wife Barbary, on December 27, 1804. They were married by Henry Winfrey, and their marriage bond was dated December 3, 1804, signed by John Vandeveer and James French.

Records are in the court house at Columbia, Adair County, Ky. (App. XIX, XX).

In 1814, John Vandeveer, Jr., had crossed the Ohio River from Henry County, Kentucky, and purchased 120 acres at $2 an acre, on September 7, 1814, comprising Section 28, in Township 1 North, Range 2 East, in Stamper's Creek Township, now in Orange County, but before February 10, 1817, in Washington County, Indiana. Certificate No. 2907, dated June 3, 1819, deposited in the National Archives, Washington, D. C., shows that John Vandeveer, Jr., of Henry County, Kentucky, had fully paid for this land and was entitled to receive a patent for the land described. John Vandeveer, Jr., also sold on January 29, 1821, 50 acres of land in Orange County, Indiana, in Section 29, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, to his father, John Vandeveer, Sr., for the term of and during the natural life of John Vandeveer, Sr., and his wife, Amelia Vandeveer, with the provision that George Vandeveer possess the land after the death of John Vandeveer, Sr., and his wife, Amelia Vandeveer, Deed Record A, page 330, Orange County, Indiana, deeds (App. XXI, XXII, XXIII).

On December 26, 1863, John Vandeveer, Jr., sold to Nathaniel S. Mattox, of Washington County, Indiana, the East side of the South West Quarter of Section Twenty Nine in Township 1 North, Range 2 East, in Orange County, Indiana. Since his wife Susannah did not sign the deed the indication is that she had died by this time. The deed is recorded in Orange County, Indiana, Deed Book 23, page 91 (App. XXIV).

James French and his wife Barbara, parents of Susannah French Vandeveer, purchased lands in Orange County, Indiana, on the Blue River, which they sold in 1821, as recorded in Book A, pp. 339 and 390, the transactions having been witnessed by Tanday French (App. XXV, XXVI).

The 1850 census, Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, p. 368, records the family of John and Susannah Vandeveer, 67 and 63 years old, respectively, both born in Virginia (probably that part which later became the state of Kentucky), with three sons, Lewis, 25 years, Joel, 21 years, and Tandy, 17 years,

all born in Indiana. In the 1860 census of the same county, p. 539, Tandy, 26 years, is the only child living with his parents, and Martha A. Beckum, 15 years, born Indiana, whom he later married is a member of the family.

Known children of John Vandeveer, Jr., and Susannah French:

+11. James[3] Vandeveer, born March 10, 1810, Cumberland County, Kentucky, married Caroline Brown.

+12. Perry Vandeveer, born 1821, married Sarah Malina .....

13. Harriet Vandeveer, married ..... Hockman, resided in Xenia, Clay County, Illinois.

14. Lewis W. Vandeveer, who was born in 1825, died July 31, 1863, aged 27 years, 11 months, 27 days, and is buried in Rock Spring Cemetery, east of Valeene, Indiana. Sarah J. L. Vandeveer, who died March 12, 1906, is buried in this church cemetery and her tombstone describes her as 73 years, 2 months, 6 days, "wife of L." Perry Vandeveer, his brother, deeded him 40 acres of land on August 11, 1845, in Section 36, T1N, R1E, Orange County, Indiana (App. XXXVII).

+15. Bennett Vandeveer, born 1826, married Sarah C. Carlisle.

+16. Joel Vandeveer, born 1829, married Jemima Ann Monk.

+17. Tandy Vandeveer, born 1833, married Martha A. Beckham.

+18. John Vandeveer, married .....

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Aaron[2] Vandeveer (John, Sr.[1]), was born February 7, 1785, in North Carolina or probably that part of Virginia which later became the state of Kentucky. He married June 1805, in Henry County, Kentucky, Nancy French, born November 19, 1789, in North Carolina, the daughter of James French and his wife Barbara and the sister of Susannah French who married Aaron's brother, John Vandeveer, Jr. Aaron Vandeveer died April 1857 and his

wife August 7, 1871. She died in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, where many of the Vandeveer family had gone.

Aaron Vandeveer moved with his father and brothers to Henry County, Kentucky, where he had lands, then to the west side of Washington County, Indiana, and from there to Sangamon County, Illinois. He was a district minister of the Old School Baptists or Regular Baptists. He settled on Clear Creek Farm, Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1829, according to the *Historical Encyclopedia of Illinois* and the *History of Christian County, Illinois,* Vol. II, pages 999-1000. He ran for the legislature in 1836.

Aaron and Nancy Vandeveer had six children born in Kentucky, four born in Washington County, Indiana, after his removal there in 1814, and one child born in Sangamon County, Illinois. A record of his children and some of his descendants was compiled by Lottie Lorena Vandeveer and distributed to some of the members of the family in the early 1900's.

Aaron Vandeveer was on the 1820 census of Washington County, Indiana, page 356. In 1828 he was grantee of a lot in Paoli, Indiana, from Salomon Bryant, tax deed, Lot 20, Book C, page 317, Orange County, Indiana, Deeds (App. XVI).

Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Illinois, by J. E. Power, 1876, pp. 738 and 739, and *History of Christian County, Illinois,* by McBride, page 24, give information about Aaron Vandeveer.

Although many of Aaron's descendants used the spelling Vandever they are found in records both printed and documentary as Vandeveer. The latter spelling will be followed unless it is definite that the family took the spelling Vandever.

Children:

19. Sarah[3] Vandeveer, born in Kentucky, probably Henry County, on June 1, 1806, married August 14, 1826, in Indiana, Aaron Hardin, according to a marriage book belonging to Mrs. H. Morris.

20. Caroline Vandeveer, born March 2, 1808, in Kentucky, probably in Henry County, married July 20, 1826, Thomas Elgin, same reference as above.

21. Elisabeth Vandeveer, born March 2, 1808, twin sister to Caroline Vandeveer, married on October 26, 1825, Henry Hardin, same reference as above.

+22. Sophronia Vandeveer, born February 14, 1811, in Henry County (probably), Kentucky, married Barnett Davis.

23. Thomas L. Vandeveer, born July 25, 1813, in Kentucky and died there.

+24. Horatio M. Vandeveer, born March 1, 1816, in Washington County, Indiana, married Mary J. Rucker.

25. William B. Vandeveer, born February 1819, in Indiana, died in Illinois.

26. Harriet Vandeveer, born February 22, 1822, in Indiana.

+27. Aaron Speers Vandeveer, born November 10, 1824 (or February 10, 1821), married Isabella Slater.

+28. Zipporah Vandeveer, born May 1827, Indiana, married William T. (or G.) Duncan.

+29. Lavinia Vandeveer, born May 21, 1834, Sangamon County, Illinois, married Ransom Hargis.

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CHARLES[2] VANDEVEER (John, Sr.[1]) was probably the one at whose home in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, the Rock Spring Primitive Baptist Church, one-half mile east of Valeene, was constituted in 1826. The Blue River Association minutes record that he was ordained to the ministry in 1829 after serving as messenger. Charles Vandeveer was on the 1830 census of Orange County, Indiana, p. 92, between 40 and 50 years of age, wife the same age, sons, one 5-10, one 10-15, one 15-20, and four daughters, one under 5, two 10-15, and one 15-20 years of age. Nothing is known of Charles Vandeveer's family. He was not found on the 1850 census of Orange County, Indiana.

There may be some connection between the above and Reverend Charles Vandeveer, who moved to Warren County, Illinois, accord-

ing to the *Warren County, Illinois, History,* 1903, p. 1016. It is stated that he came there in 1836 with his wife and five children, John, William, Absalom, Cynthia, and Maria; he was born in North Carolina, moved to Kentucky, and then to Sangamon County, Illinois. He was a Baptist clergyman for thirty years and died in 1854; James Kelsey, who had married a daughter of the Reverend Charles Vandeveer, came with the family. The given names of John and Cynthia occur in John Vandeveer's family, and the migration pattern from Indiana to Sangamon County, Illinois, is the same as that for other children of this family.

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George[2] Vandeveer (John, Sr.[1]) was born about 1792, probably in North Carolina, and then moved as a child to Kentucky, married in Henry County, Ky., as shown on the marriage bond of March 9, 1812 (1) Jane Eliza Speer, born 1790/1800, daughter of H. Speer, with bondsman Aaron Vanover. George and his first wife moved from Henry County, Kentucky, to Orange County, Indiana, thence to Sangamon County, Illinois. All of his children were by his first wife. He married in Hillsboro, Montgomery County, Illinois, on November 15, 1850 (2) Mrs. Nancy Kirkpatrick McWilliams, widow of Alexander McWilliams. She was born February 10, 1795, died August 14, 1866, 71 years old, and is buried in the addition to Clear Spring Cemetery, between Hillsboro and Litchfield, Montgomery County, Illinois, where a gravestone records her birth and death dates.

In a deed of January 29, 1821, John Vandeveer, Jr., and Susannah, his wife, deeded to John Vandeveer, Sr., and his wife Amelia the W and SW Sec. 29, Twp. 1N, R 2E, comprising 50 acres, Book A, pp. 330, 331, the former couple to sell to George Vandeveer after the death of John Vandeveer, Sr., and Amelia, for the sum of $50. On June 1, 1835, George Vandeveer and Jane Eliza, his wife, of Sangamon County, Illinois, deeded the land to Joel Vandeveer, the deed mentioning Amelia Vandeveer the widow and relict of John Vandeveer, deceased. According to the terms of the

1821 deed both John Vandeveer and his widow, Amelia Vandeveer, had died by June 1, 1835 (App. XXIII, XVIII).

George Vandever was on the 1830 census, Sangamon County, Illinois, page 83, between 40-50 years, wife between 30-40 years, with four sons enumerated, one 5-10 years, one 10-15 years, two 15-20 years, and two daughters, one under 5 years and one 5-10 years.

William T. Vandeveer, Taylorville, Illinois, son of Horatio H. Vandeveer, wrote that George Vandeveer was his grandfather's (Aaron Vandeveer) brother and that "George was living here as far back as I can remember and died here; that his second wife was Nancy McWilliams and his sons were Charles, Henry, Aaron and others and among his daughters was Mrs. Hinkle; that his grandson, Harry D. Vandeveer, lives in Los Angeles, is an attorney, and another grandson, Fred L. Vandeveer, is living, both sons of George A. Vandeveer."

Children, by Jane Eliza Speer:

30. Charles[3] Vandeveer, born March 1, 1816, in Orange County, Indiana, the same day his cousin, Judge Horatio M. Vandeveer, was born. He came to Christian County, Illinois, with his parents in 1829, married Lydia Jane Hill on December 12, 1852. She was probably the daughter of John Hill, born in Virginia, and his wife Elizabeth, born in Kentucky, who were living with Charles and his wife on the 1860 census of Christian County, Illinois, p. 779, 73 years and 68 years old, respectively. Charles Vandeveer was a farmer, moved to Pana, Illinois, where he died April 1, 1865. After his death his widow returned to the farm and married on September 11, 1867, John M. Coleman, born January 31, 1816, in Virginia. He had served as sheriff in Owen County, Indiana, before he came to Christian County, Illinois, according to the *History of Christian County, Illinois*, 1893, p. 384.
31. Henry Vandeveer.

+32. Aaron Vandeveer, born July 21, 1830, married Sarah Catherine McWilliams.

+33. Cynthia Vandeveer, born about 1832, married Mr. English.

34. (Probably) Joel Vandeveer.

35. A daughter who married Mr. Hinkle.

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JOEL[2] VANDEVEER (John, Sr.[1]) was born 1794, in North Carolina, and moved as a child to Kentucky, died before 1880, in Pana, Christian County, Illinois, married (1) on October 4, 1815, in Washington County, Indiana, Rachel Moore, recorded in Book A of marriages, and (2) Mrs. Rebecca Duncan, widow of Nathaniel H. Duncan.

Rachel Moore was born December 26, 1799, died November 20, 1844, daughter of William Moore, a Revolutionary War soldier, and his wife Rachel. William Moore was born 1754, in Botetourt County, Virginia, and served as private in Captain Charles Goldston's Company, Colonel John Luttrell's North Carolina Regiment; received a pension under No. S17592, died April 15, 1833, and is buried in Stamper's Creek Church cemetery, Paoli, Indiana. His wife Rachel was born in 1762 and died in 1839. His son, Edward Moore, born 1792 served in the War of 1812, and married Abigail Reed. William Moore is included in the *Roster of Soldiers and Patriots of the American Revolution Buried in Indiana,* compiled and edited by Mrs. Roscoe C. O'Bryan, Brookville, Indiana, published by the Indiana Daughters of the American Revolution in 1938.

An old Indiana newspaper states that "Rachel Vandeveer, consort of Joel Vandeveer, Esquire, departed this life on Friday night, September 20, 1844, after an illness of five and one-half days, at the age of 44 years, 8 months, 20 days. She left behind a husband and large family of children." Her tombstone in Stamper's Creek Primitive Baptist Church Cemetery, Section 34, Township 2 N, Range 1 E, Orange County, Indiana, four miles east of Paoli, Indiana, State Road 56, reads, "Rachel, wife of Joel Vandeveer,

December 26, 1799 to November 20, 1844," showing a difference in the month of her death from the newspaper account.

Joel Vandeveer in addition to being a public spirited man was a singing teacher. He reared his children in Indiana, where he lived on the Pike road from Indianapolis to New Albany and was superintendent of the road in 1850. He served as Justice of the Peace in 1824; was a messenger to the Rock Spring Church in 1829, according to the Blue River Association Minutes. In 1840, he attended the Democratic convention, was a trustee of the free schools in Stamper's Creek Township and one of the three trustees of the township in 1853. He was a representative several times.

Joel Vandeveer purchased of the General Land Office land in Orange County, Indiana, in Section 29, T1N, R2E, in 1837 (App. XXVII). He and his wife Rachel signed a deed in 1841, selling land in Section 20 of the same township and range to George W. Vandeveer (App. XXVIII). He sold land in Section 24 in 1845 to James Hamilton Vandeveer, his son (App. XXIX). In 1851, George W. Vandeveer and his wife Nancy sold land to Joel Vandeveer in Section 25 (App. XXX).

After Joel Vandeveer's first wife's death in 1844, he continued to live in Stamper's Creek Township. In 1850, he is enumerated on the census of Orange County, Indiana, p. 366, as a farmer 56 years old, with real estate valued at $1,800, born in North Carolina. Living with him is Elizabeth Vandeveer, 47 years old, born in Kentucky, whose identity is unknown. Also living with him are his children, John A. R., 17 years, Joel P., 15 years, Mary J., 14 years, and his youngest child, Elizabeth, 12 years, born 1838.

In 1860, Joel Vandeveer moved to Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, and is enumerated June 28, 1860, on the census of that year, p. 757, 69 years old. Living with him are John Vandeveer, 28 years, and Ruth H. Vandeveer, 26 years, his son and daughter-in-law, respectively, both born in Indiana. Joel Vandeveer married the second time on October 19, 1860, Rebecca Duncan, born in Franklin County, Ohio, daughter of Benjamin Britton of Sangamon County, Illinois, and widow of Nathaniel H. Duncan. The marriage record is in Book A, Edinburg, Dane County (later Christian

County), Illinois. The marriage is also mentioned in Power's *History of Christian County, Illinois,* page 141, with the information that J. R. Cisna, J.P., officiated.

Mrs. Ora Merrill Finley, the former Minnie McCoy, wrote in 1956 that Elizabeth Vandeveer, the youngest of ten children of Joel Vandeveer, was her mother.

The 1870 census, Christian County, Illinois, p. 112, records Joel Vandeveer, then 78 years old, a retired farmer, with real estate valued at $6,000 and personal estate at $1,000, born in North Carolina. Living with him was his wife Rebecca, 52 years old, with real estate valued at $10,000. A young boy, Duncan Douglas, 14 years old, born in Ohio, resided with them. The 1880 census of that county records Rebecca Vandeveer, 61 years old, a widow, living on Locust Street, City of Pana, p. 646. Her mother was born in Maryland and her father in Pennsylvania. This census shows that Joel Vandeveer had died by 1880. His descendants state that he is buried in Stamper's Creek Cemetery, near Paoli, Orange County, Indiana, beside his first wife, Rachel Moore, but there is no record by the secretary of the burial.

The children of Joel Vandeveer were probably all born in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, which was in Washington County, Indiana, at one time.

Children, by Rachel Moore:

+36. George W.[3] Vandeveer, born about 1817, married Nancy .....

36a. William M. Vandeveer, born about 1818, probably married Sarah E. Cornwell, February 14, 1843, in Orange County, Indiana, as shown in index of marriages, p. 122. They lived in Pana, on East Chestnut Street, Christian County, Illinois, according to the 1870 census, page 109, and 1880 census, p. 645. She was recorded as born in Kentucky about 1820. No children are shown on these censuses.

+37. Evaline Vandeveer, born 1821/22, married Joshua Speer (or Speers).

+38. James Hamilton Vandeveer, born December 1, 1824, married Elizabeth Beason.

39. John A. R. Vandeveer, born 1832/33, married Ruth Everet.

+40. Joel P. Vandeveer, born 1834, married Sarah .....

41. Mary Jane Vandeveer, born 1836, married Frederick Gifford, buried in Stamper's Creek Cemetery, Orange County, Indiana, where a gravestone reads that she died August 10, 1853, 17 years, 5 months, 21 days of age.

42. Rachel Vandeveer, married April 26, 1847, Josephus Pounds, with "consent of father," p. 167, Orange County, Indiana, recorded in Marriages index.

43. Caroline Vandeveer, married June 19, 1845, (1) William McClain, "with consent of father," Orange County, Indiana, Marriages index. According to an old Indiana newspaper she married (2) Mr. Trotter.

+44. Elizabeth Vandeveer, youngest child, born 1838, married Allen McCoy.

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AMELIA[2] VANDEVEER (John, Sr.[1]) was born May 11, 1795, in Kentucky, died March 2, 1860, in Orange County, Indiana, married (1) in 1814, Abraham Noblitt, a lawyer, son of John Noblitt and his wife, Nancy Keys, of Virginia and Henry County, Kentucky, who was born October 2, 1780, and died September 6, 1840, in Orange County, Indiana, and (2) Mr. Hazelwood.

Abraham Noblitt came to Washington County, Indiana, in 1814, and entered land in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, just over the line, in Southeast Township. The old Noblitt home was still standing in 1934, and a room which was not completed when Abraham Noblitt died was finished by his sons and was occupied by a great-grandson about 1934. After Abraham Noblitt's death, Amelia married Mr. Hazelwood who lived four miles distant. After his death she returned to her old home. She is buried in Danner's Cemetery beside her first husband, Abraham Noblitt.

Abraham Noblitt's brother William married Polly Vandeveer, Amelia's sister. *Biographical Sketches of Southwest Township, Orange County, Indiana,* by Goodspeed, pp. 585, 596, and 622, and *Lawrence, Orange and Washington Counties, Indiana,* 1884, p. 622, give information about this family.

Children:

45. Vandeveer[3] Noblitt.

+46. William Noblitt, born November 1, 1817, married Mary .....

47. Nancy Noblitt, married James Lynch.

48. Cynthia Noblitt, married Benjamin M. Holiday.

49. John T. Noblitt.

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Cynthia[2] Vandeveer (John, Sr.[1]) was born October 30, 1800, in Adair County, Kentucky. According to the *History of Christian County, Illinois,* 1881, she was the daughter of John Vandeveer, who came to Kentucky when young and settled on the Green River, then moved to Washington County, Indiana, in 1815. John Vandeveer's birthplace is given in this history as S. C., but this has not been proved. Washington County and Orange County, Indiana, where John Vandeveer later lived are adjacent, and he is undoubtedly the one who married Amelia Speer, in 1773, in Rowan County, N. C.

Cynthia Vandeveer married in Washington County, Indiana, October 30, 1817, Garvin Ralston, a schoolteacher, born in Sangamon County, Illinois, died about 1887, and is buried in Pratt, Kansas. Marriage Book A, Washington County, Indiana, records this marriage. Sometimes the name is spelled Galvin or Gavin.

The Ralstons had come from Lexington, Kentucky, before they settled in Sangamon County, Illinois. Garvin Ralston located on land in Buckhart Township, Christian County, Illinois, just over the line from Sangamon County, about 5 miles east of the town of Rochester.

Gavin Ralston, Lenapah, Oklahoma, in 1935, wrote to Mrs. Leroy George Vandeveer, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, that he was the nephew of Garvin Ralston who married Cynthia Vandeveer, and son of Aaron V. Ralston, and furnished the following information:

Children:

50. Alex[3] Ralston, was born in Kentucky, lived in Hutchinson, Kansas, employed by the Jenkins Music Company, died about 1880/82, in the home of Aaron V. Ralston, Pittsburg, Kansas, where he is buried. He did not marry.
51. Will Ralston, who went to live in Texas.
52. Bertha Ralston, buried at Lamar, Missouri.

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James[3] Vandeveer (John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 10, 1810, in Cumberland County, Kentucky, and married by Wm. Allison, on September 2, 1832, in Washington County, Indiana, Caroline Brown, who was born September 19, 1815, in Tennessee. The marriage return indicated both as of age.

He entered land in Section 30, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, on January 25, 1834, which he patented on September 16, 1835 (App. XXXI, XXXII). He sold this land on February 22, 1838, to Aaron Hardin, Jr. (App. XXXIII). On September 12, 1843, he secured a debt for $50 to John Sullinger by mortgaging his land in Section 31 (App. XXXIV).

James Vandeveer lived for a while in Greenfield Township, Orange County, Indiana, but by 1850, he had moved to Hart Township, Warrick County, Indiana. Here, he on January 8, 1851, with his wife, sold 80 acres of land in Section 31, Township 1 North, Range 2 East, Orange County, Indiana, to Joseph H. Radcliff (App. XXXV).

Jas. Vandever is found on the 1840 census, Orange County, Indiana, living in Greenfield Township, page 35. He is found in the 1850 census, Warrick County, Indiana, living in Hart Township, page 385, with his wife Caroline 36 years, born in Tennessee,

and children, Harriet 14 years, John 12 years, Stephen 10 years, Temperance 9 years, Perry 5 years, and Josiah 2 months old, all born in Indiana. He is listed as 40 years old, born in Kentucky, a farmer, with real estate valued at $130.

The 1860 census, Pike County, Indiana, Winslow, Lockhart Township, page 161, shows James Vandever, 50 years, born in Kentucky, a farmer, with real estate now valued at $3,000, and personal estate of $1,000. His wife Carolina is 45 years old. There are listed children, Harriet Wire 24 years, a seamstress, which indicates that Harriet had married and perhaps lost her husband by then, Stephen 20 years, Temperance 18 years, a weaver, Perry 16 years, a farm laborer, Susanna A. 14 years, who was not on the 1850 census, Josiah 12 years, and Bennett 4 years old, all born in Indiana.

After 1865, James Vandeveer and his wife and perhaps the younger children moved to Hartor Township, Clay County, Illinois, where they resided near James' younger brothers, Bennett Vandeveer and Tandy Vandeveer, and their families. James Vandeveer died April 9, 1869, and his widow continued to live for a while in Clay County, Illinois. She is found as the head of the family in the 1870 census of that county, reverse of page 191, with real estate valued at $1,000, and personal estate valued at $630, and is indicated as born in Kentucky. She lived next door to her son, John W. Vandeveer and his family. Living with her are Susannah 23 years, Josiah 20 years, Joel 17 years, and Bennet L. (Louis) 13 years. Two doors away lived Tandy Vandever, 37 years, with his wife and family; he was the youngest brother of James Vandeveer.

Caroline Brown Vandeveer died October 15, 1877, and is buried in Selvin Cemetery (now Taylorville), Warrick County, Indiana, according to her grandson, Welzie Wellington Vandeveer, of Rocky River, Ohio. However, Thomas J. Dillingham, now deceased, formerly of Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana, copied cemetery records, and stated that Caroline Brown Vandeveer was buried in Lynnville Cemetery. These copies are in Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Indiana.

Supposedly Caroline Brown Vandeveer was the daughter of the Temperance Brown, born in North Carolina, whose marker in Lynnville Cemetery, reads: "Temperance Brown, Died July 19, 1863, aged 79 years, 6 months, 4 days." Temperance Brown was shown on the 1850 census, Hart Township, Warrick County, Ohio, p. 385, living with her son Dr. Austin Brown, 37 years old, born in Kentucky; his wife Rebecca, 38 years old, born in Indiana. The age of Temperance Brown is given as 66 years, born in North Carolina. Caroline and her husband, James Vandeveer, lived only a few houses away on this census.

James Vandeveer and his wife, Caroline Brown, were living in Orange County, Indiana, when their first six children were born and in Warrick County, Indiana, when the last three were born.

Children:

53. Harriet[4] Vandeveer, born 1836, married in Warrick County, Indiana, by James H. Clinton, J.P., John F. Wire. It is probable that her husband had died by 1860, because she was living with her parents according to the census of that year in Warrick County, Indiana, occupation given as seamstress. She died at Broken Bow, Nebraska.

+54. John W. Vandeveer, born September 11, 1837, married Elizabeth Spradley.

+55. Stephen Brown Vandeveer, born 1840, married Cordelia Mack.

+56. Temperance Vandeveer, born 1842, married Louis Robinson.

+57. Perry Vandeveer, born August 2, 1844, married (1) Sarah M. Hanks, (2) Elen Monical, (3) Martha A. Beard, widow of Mr. Slagley.

58. Susanna A. Vandeveer, born 1848, married about 1872, Nathan Tomlinson. In 1870, she was living with her widowed mother in Xenia, Clay County, Illinois, according to the census of that year.

+59. Josiah Vandeveer was born August 13, 1850, married Florence .....

60. Joel H. Vandeveer, born 1853, was living with his mother in 1870, Xenia, Illinois, aged 17 years. He died January 24, 1882, 28 years, 9 months, 2 days, and is buried in Lynnville Cemetery, Warrick County, Indiana, near his mother.

+61. Louis Bennett Vandeveer, born December 1, 1856, married Mary Ellen Gwaltney.

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PERRY[3] VANDEVEER (John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1819/1821, in Orange County, Indiana, married about 1849, Sarah Malina ....., who was born 1833/34 in Illinois. On August 11, 1845, he deeded to his brother, Lewis Vandeveer, both of Orange County, Indiana, 40 acres of land in Section 36, Township 1 North, Range 1 East, Orange County, Indiana (App. XXXVII). He and his wife lived in 1850 and 1860 in Orange County, Indiana, where their families are enumerated on pages 370 and 539 of censuses, Stamper's Creek Township. In 1870, they lived in Clay County, Illinois, in Oskaloosa Township, enumerated on the census of that year on page 125. Welzie Wellington Vandeveer, Rocky River, Ohio, in 1960, recalled that his great-uncle Perry visited his family when he was a child.

Perry Vandeveer and his wife were living in Indiana when their children were born, according to the above mentioned census records.

Children:

62. Josephine[4] Vandeveer, born 1849/50.

63. Perrydine Vandeveer, born 1851/52.

64. Louisa Vandeveer, born 1853/54.

65. George W. Vandeveer, born 1856/57.

66. John Vandeveer, born 1858/59.

67. Samuel Vandeveer, born 1861/62.
68. Joel Vandeveer, born 1863/64.
69. Minnie Vandeveer, born 1866/67.
70. Elmer Vandeveer, born March 1870.

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BENNETT[3] VANDEVEER (John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1826, in Orange County, Indiana, married May 7, 1849, in that county, Sarah C. Carlisle, p. 191, Marriage Index. They lived in 1850 and 1860 in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, where they and their families are enumerated on the censuses of those years on pages 370 and 539, respectively. In the 1865 State of Illinois census, in the Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois, Bennet Vandeveer was living in Bible Grove Township, Clay County, Illinois, with his wife and four sons and one daughter. He owned live stock valued at $375 and had 27 pounds of wool. In 1870 and 1880, they lived in Harter Township, Clay County, Illinois, enumerated on the censuses of those years on pages reverse of pages 56 and 365, respectively. Welzie Wellington Vandeveer, Rocky River, Ohio, 1960, recalls that his great-uncle Bennett visited his father, Louis Bennett Vandeveer, when he (Welzie Wellington Vandeveer) was a child and living in Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana.

Children, all born in Indiana:

71. Joel[4] Vandeveer, born 1851/52.
72. William Vandeveer, born 1854/55.
73. James Vandeveer, born 1859/60.
74. John Vandeveer, born 1859/60, married Sarah ....., by 1880, who was born 1860/61, in Illinois.
75. Margretta Vandeveer, born 1862/63.
76. Charles T. Vandeveer, born March 1870.

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JOEL[3] VANDEVEER (John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1828 or 1829, in Orange County, Indiana, married by 1858 or 1859, Jemima Ann Monk, born 1839 or 1840, in Indiana, the daughter of Simon S. Monk, born 1806 or 1807, in Kentucky, and his wife Sarah ....., born 1808 or 1809, in Indiana.

In 1850, Joel Vandeveer was shown on the census of that year, page 368, residing with his parents in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana. In 1860, 1870, and 1880, he lived in Sterling Township, Crawford County, Indiana, a physician, as shown on the censuses of those dates, pages 441, 97, and 376, respectively. Also residing in the same township in Crawford County were the parents of Jemima Ann Monk and some of her sisters and brothers. *The History of Gibson County, Indiana,* 1914, by Gilbert R. Stormont, Indianapolis, Indiana, Page 402, records these families.

Evidently Joel Vandeveer and his wife followed the Dutch naming system in naming their children, that is, the first born son was named for his paternal grandfather, John Vandeveer, Jr., the first born daughter was named for her paternal grandmother, Susannah (French) Vandeveer, the second born son for the maternal grandfather, and the second born daughter for the maternal grandmother.

Children, all born in Indiana:

77. Susannah[4] Vandeveer, born 1859, 9 months old in July 1860.

78. Sarah M. Vandeveer, born 1861 or 1862.

79. John M. Vandeveer, born 1865. He studied law at New Albany, Floyd County, Indiana, and in 1891 opened law offices with his brother, Simon L. Vandeveer, in Oakland City, Gibson County, Indiana, under the firm name of John M. and Simon L. Vandeveer. In 1928, he lived in Oakland City, Indiana, and wrote to Welzie Wellington Vandeveer, now of Rocky River, Ohio, that John Van-

deveer, who married Susannah French, was his grandfather and Welzie's great-grandfather.

79a. Farrie Vandeveer, born 1866, probably died young. She is on the 1870 census but not on the 1880 census.

80. Simon L. Vandeveer, born October 26, 1868, near English, Crawford County, Indiana. He obtained his education in the common schools in Crawford County, the Marengo Academy and the Borden Institute, Clark County, Indiana. He then entered the law office of Jerry L. Suddarth, at Leavenworth, Crawford County, Indiana, afterwards practicing law with his brother, John M. Vandeveer. He became Judge of the Sixty-Sixth Judicial District. He married on March 18, 1895, Mary Castetter, daughter of Ira C. Castetter and Florence Jackson, formerly of Gibson County, Indiana.

TANDY[3] VANDEVEER (John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1833, in Orange County, Indiana, died in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, February 9, 1883, aged 50 years, as recorded in Register of Deaths, Book A, No. 1039. He, along with a number of other men, were killed in a boiler explosion in Captain Hanan's brickyard, the boiler having been allowed to run dry.

He married in Orange County, Indiana, May 20, 1861, Martha A. Beckham, born 1845, Orange County, Indiana, who died February 19, 1891, Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. She and her husband are both buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, beside their son, Horatio Vandeveer. It is presumed that Tandy Vandeveer was named for Tanday French, a member of his mother's family.

In 1850 and 1860, Tandy Vandeveer lived with his parents, John and Susannah Vandeveer, in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, where he is shown as 17 years and 26 years old, respectively. Martha A. Beckham, 15 years old, lived with this family in 1860, and is shown as born in Indiana (1850 census, p. 368; 1860 census, p. 539). Tandy's brothers, Lewis and Joel, were

living in this family, and in adjoining houses were living his brothers Perry and Bennett, as enumerated on the 1850 and 1860 censuses. By 1870, Tandy Vandeveer and his family had moved to Clay County, Illinois, where they are found on the census of that year, in Xenia, Xenia Township, p. 191. Living several houses away is Caroline Vandeveer, widow of James Vandeveer, Tandy's eldest brother. Another brother of Tandy is found on this census, Perry Vandeveer, living in Oskaloosa Township, Clay County, Illinois, p. 125. Bennett Vandavere, still another brother of Tandy, is enumerated, living in Harter Township, P. O. Flora, Clay County, Illinois, p. 56.

In 1880, Tandy Vandeveer was still living in Clay County, Illinois, in Harter Township. His brother, Bennett Vandeveer, is also living in the same place. (Reverse of pages 368 and 365, census of 1880).

Mrs. A. F. Hughes (Faye Marie Van Hooser Hughes), 303 South Walnut Street, Springfield, Illinois, a descendant of Tandy Vandeveer, furnished his descendants, in 1960. They have been corroborated by census and other documentary records.

The 1865 state census of Illinois, in the Illinois State Archives, Springfield, Illinois, shows Tandy Vandeveer and his brother, Bennett Vandeveer, living in Bible Grove Township, Clay County, Illinois. Tandy Vandeveer then owned live stock valued at $210. He had two young children, a boy and girl.

Tandy Vandeveer and his wife, Martha A. Beckham, had nine children, the first two of whom were born in Orange County, Indiana, and the last seven born in Clay County, Illinois.

Children:

+81. Lewis[4] Vandeveer, born November 10, 1862, married Mary Margaret Wilson.

+82. Harriet Ann Vandeveer, born April 14, 1864, married Albert Pollock.

+83. James Bennett Vandeveer, born 1866, married (1) Mrs. Mollie Oliver, and divorced. They had no children. He married (2) Celia Woolam.

84. Horatio Vandeveer, born 1868, Clay County, Illinois, married Mrs. Ella ..... He died April 14, 1905, Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, recorded in Book B, No. 3197, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery. He died mangled by machinery in Captain Hanan's brickyard, the same place his father died. He was 36 at his death. There were no children by his marriage. After his death his widow moved from Taylorville, Illinois.

+85. Susannah Caroline Vandeveer, born July 13, 1872, married John Franklin Van Hooser.

+86. Stephen Oscar Vandeveer, born 1876, married Mattie Roberts.

+87. Orrel Suggett Vandeveer, born 1878, married Lotta Slater.

88. Lavina Vandeveer, twin, died in infancy. Order uncertain.

89. Savina Vandeveer, twin, died in infancy. Order uncertain.

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JOHN[3] VANDEVEER (John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was married and had a son who lived at Eckerty, Crawford County, Indiana, in 1935. This son wrote to Mrs. N. B. Mavity, French Lick, Indiana, that his father was John Vandiver and his uncle was Joel Vandiver, and that Joel Vandiver had some children at Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana, one by the name of Simon Vandiver, an attorney-at-law. He signed John Vandiver, Eckerty, Indiana.

Known child:

90. John[4] Vandiver.

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SOPHRONIA[3] VANDEVEER (Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]), was born February 14, 1811, in Kentucky, probably Henry County, married on December 9, 1828, in Washington County, Indiana, Barnett Davis, with her father's consent.

Barnett Davis was born in Kentucky in 1802, moved to Indiana, and then to Sangamon County, Illinois, in 1829. He died in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, in 1857, and is buried in Hill Cemetery. Their children are recorded in the *History of Christian County, Illinois,* 1893, and also on page 699, 1860 census, Christian County, Illinois, National Archives, Washington, D. C. Living with Sophrona Davis, a widow in the 1860 census, is Nancy Vandevere, 75 years old, born in Virginia. Some differences in the information between the two references have been noted.

Children:

91. Nancy[4] Davis, born 1829/30, married James Brooks, lived in Taylorville. On the census she is shown as Nancy Bearden.
92. Aaron Davis, born 1834/35
93. William B. Davis, born March 4, 1836, farmer of Taylorville Twp., Christian County, Illinois.
94. John Davis, born 1838/1839, a farmer in Nebraska in 1893.
95. Horatio M. Davis, born 1840/41, lived in 1893, in Edinburg, Illinois.
96. Mary J. Davis, born 1834/35, married Rancis Perry, farmer in Taylorville Twp.
97. Monroe Davis, born 1837/38, deceased in 1893.
98. Hellen Davis, born 1838/39 (shown on census of 1860).
99. Jerome Davis, born 1851/52, lived in Taylorville, Illinois, 1893.
100. Freeland Davis, deceased in 1893.
101. Infant (not named in above history).

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Horatio[3] M. Vandeveer (Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 12, 1816, Washington County, Indiana, came with his parents in October 1829, to Sangamon County, Illinois, married on October 4, 1840, in that county, Mary Jane Rucker, who was born in Ken-

tucky. He died in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, on March 12, 1894. He was educated in a log cabin school and labored with his parents and brothers on a farm. He attracted the attention of Honorable John T. Stuart, Springfield, Illinois, who lent him books from his library and tendered its use to him. In 1836, Horatio Vandeveer taught school on Andy Fraley's farm, 12 miles west of Taylorville, then in Sangamon County. On April 1, 1839, with the origin of Christian County, Illinois, he was elected county recorder. He was a member of the House of Representatives in 1842, and also a Justice of Peace and Postmaster of Taylorville. In 1846, he raised a company in the Mexican War of 1846, and was appointed Assistant Quartermaster of the U. S. army with the rank of Captain. His name appears on Page 825 of the *Army Register, 1815-1879,* by Thomas H. S. Hamersley, Washington, D. C., 1880. He was a Democratic elector in 1848 and mentioned for Congress. He was elected judge of the county court in Christian County in 1849 and served eight years; in 1860 he was in the House of Representatives; in 1862 in the State Senate; in 1870 he was Judge of the 10th Judicial district and was reelected in 1873 for six years. Among the business houses in Taylorville in 1880 was the H. M. Vandeveer and Company, Bankers. This was the largest private banking house in Illinois and one of the strongest in the United States. His two sons were in this banking house with him.

Information about the family of Horatio M. Vandeveer is contained in the *History of Christian County, Illinois,* by McBride, 1914, *History of Christian County, Illinois,* by Henry L. Fowkes, Vol. 2, 1918, and the *Daily Courier,* Taylorville, Illinois, November 15, 1926 issue.

Children:

102. William T.[4] Vandeveer, born in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, on August 22, 1842, died in 1936 at the age of 94 years, unmarried. He studied law, became a partner of his father but not caring for law conceived the idea of founding a bank. He inaugurated a bank in Taylorville,

Illinois, on May 1, 1868, taking in his father and brother Eugene as partners. The bank specialized in farm loans and William T. Vandeveer became a multi-millionaire. He was also a director of a bank at Decatur, Illinois, the Miliken Bank. He left the largest portion of his fortune on his death to his nieces, Mrs. Vida Vandeveer Seaman, Yolande Vandeveer Perkins, and Eugenia Vandeveer, and to his nephew, George Vandeveer Kirkwood.

+103. Eugene A. Vandeveer, born in Taylorville, Illinois, July 27, 1853, married Eudora Attwood.

+104. Elizabeth J. Vandeveer, born February 6, 1859, married William H. Kirkwood.

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Aaron Speers[3] Vandever (Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in Washington County, Indiana, on November 10, 1824, died February 22, 1868, at the age of 44 years, from injuries received in the Civil War. He married July 30, 1846, in Montgomery County, Illinois, Isabella Slater, who was born February 26, 1831, and died November 11, 1894, at the age of 64 years. Both are buried in Irving Cemetery, Irving, Illinois. This family adopted the spelling of the name as Vandever.

Aaron Speers Vandever served as Pvt., Co. C, 13 Regt., Missouri Vols., in the Civil War, having enlisted December 21, 1861, at Camp Benton, Missouri. He was in the battles of Smithland, Kentucky, and Fort Donaldson, Tennessee, where his foot was wounded by being run over by a caisson wheel. He was taken sick with typhoid fever at Nashville, Tennessee, on March 27, 1862, which caused his discharge on a surgeon's certificate of disability, May 9, 1862, at Paducah, Kentucky. He later received a pension. His widow also received a pension on Certificate 150522. The papers are deposited in the National Archives, Washington, D. C. After his discharge from the army he lived for a time in Fayette County, Illinois, and later at Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, where

he was a farmer and physician. The farm place was still in the family in 1959.

Children:

105. Emily Jane[4] Vandever, born August 5, 1847, died February 17, 1865.

106. Mary Lavina Vandever, born May 28, 1849, died October 15, 1864.

+107. William Cyrus Vandever, born June 12, 1851, married Sarah Eleanor Grantham.

108. Horatio M. Vandever, born September 21, 1853, died young on October 5, 1855.

+109. Aaron Keys Vandever, born September 4, 1855, married Mamie Haller.

110. Alice Vandever, born December 20, 1858, died young on February 13, 1859.

+111. Theodosia Ann Vandever, born January 22, 1860, married (1) Luther Bandy, (2) George Hudson.

+112. Laura Letitia Vandever, born April 12, 1862, married Eugene P. Carriker.

113. Nancy Isabelle Vandever, born May 1, 1864, died young on October 31, 1865.

114. Sophronia Wright Vandever, born September 23, 1867, died March 20, 1907, married Charles York. They had no children.

28

Zipporah[3] Vandeveer (Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 1827, in Indiana, married William T. (or G. Duncan), on March 25, 1847. She died December 31, 1849, leaving one child. One record states she married William F. Duncan: *Early Settlers of Sangamon County, Ill.*, by J. E. Power, 1876, pp. 738, 739.

Child:

115. Amanda[4] Duncan, who lived, in 1876, in Montgomery County, Illinois.

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Lavinia[3] Vandeveer (Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]), was born May 21, 1834, in Sangamon County, Illinois, died September 20, 1858, married Ransom Hargis, son of William R. and Mary J. Hargis, of Taylorville, Illinois.

Children:

116. William R.[4] Hargis.

117. Mary J. Hargis.

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Aaron[3] Vandeveer (George,[2] John, Sr.[1]), was born in Orange County, Indiana, July 21, 1830, and died July 4, 1883, Pana, Christian County, Illinois. He married on September 18, 1851, in Montgomery County, Illinois, Sarah Catherine McWilliams, who was born September 13, 1838, the last of thirteen children of Alexander McWilliams and Nancy Kirkpatrick of Kentucky, who migrated to Illinois. Alexander McWilliams died as a result of a fall from a horse and his widow, Nancy Kirkpatrick McWilliams, married after his death George Vandeveer, former husband of Jane Eliza Speer.

Aaron Vandeveer was a farmer and part owner of a dry goods store and grocery store with a Mr. Walker.

Sarah Catherine McWilliams Vandeveer after Aaron's death married Hugh Babcock, and died March 20, 1903, at 67 years in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Aaron Vandeveer's will was filed July 20, 1883, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, and reads, "I, Aaron Vandeveer, of the City of Pana, County of Christian, State of Illinois, aged fifty-two years and being of sound mind and memory, do hereby make,

publish and declare this my last will and testament, as follows, to wit: 1st I give and devise to my beloved wife, Sarah C. Vandeveer, in fee simple, the homestead property, where we now reside, etc., Pana, Christian County, Illinois, and all other real estate, etc." It was signed April 2, 1883, witnessed by A. B. Corman and J. A. McElroy.

Aaron Vandeveer's family is enumerated on the 1860 census of Christian County, Illinois, p. 779, living two houses from Charles and (Lydia) Jane Vandeveer. Aaron's family consists of himself, 30 years old, wife Sarah C., 24 years, George A., 7 years, Cynthia English, 10 years old, Nancy Vandeveer, 66 years, born Kentucky, William J. Hawkins, 13 years, and Mary A. Hoffman, 13 years old. Nancy Vandeveer is the former Nancy Kirkpatrick McWilliams, the widow of Alexander McWilliams and of George Vandeveer. She is a stepmother of Aaron Vandeveer and mother of Sarah C., his wife. Her age of 66 in 1860 corresponds to her age of 71 at her death in 1866. Cynthia English, 10 years old, is undoubtedly the child of Cynthia English, Aaron's sister.

In 1870, Aaron Vandeveer was a land speculator with real estate valued at $10,000, living at Pana, on the census of that date, p. 121. By then he had children, George A., 16 years, Amanda, 6 years, Nellie, 2 years. Cynthia English, 20 years, is still living with him, as is also Morgan English, 12 years old. Aaron's age is given as 41 and his wife Sarah's as 33.

On the 1880 census of Christian County, Illinois, City of Pana, reverse of p. 636, Aaron is living on Locust street, a clerk in clothing, 49 years old, his wife Sarah C., 48 years old, both born in Illinois, and both indicating that their parents were born in Kentucky. Living with them is Manda, 16 years, Nellie, 12 years, and Calvin B., 10 years, and James Porter, 6 months old, their children, all born in Illinois. These children appear in a family Bible belonging to George Leroy Vandeveer, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, in 1960, and many of their descendants as follow are recorded on its pages of family records. A copy of these Bible records is in the D.A.R. library, Louisa St. Clair Chapter, 1934-1935, pp. 89-90.

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Children:

+118. George Alexander[4] Vandeveer, born December 3, 1853, married Clara Isabelle Edgcomb.

+119. Amanda Vandeveer, born February 5, 1864, married E. N. Maxfield.

+120. Nellie Vandeveer, born March 2, 1868, married Frank L. Martin.

+121. Calvin B. Vandeveer, born June 9, 1870, married Mary Brooks.

122. Porter Vandeveer, born 1879/1880, died in infancy.

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Cynthia[3] Vandeveer (George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born about 1832, married Mr. English. He may be the William English, 42 years old, a farmer, born in Ohio, who is living with Charles Vandeveer, Cynthia's brother, recorded in the 1860 census, of Christian County, Illinois, p. 779.

Child:

+123. Cynthia[4] English, who married A. Newton Durnell.

36

George W.[3] Vandeveer (Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born about 1817, either in Washington or Orange County, Indiana, married Nancy ....., and died in Christian County, Illinois, on July 10, 1888.

In 1841, Joel and Rachel Vandeveer executed a deed selling land to George W. Vandeveer, in Orange County, Indiana (App. XXVIII). In 1851, George W. Vandever and his wife Nancy sold land in Orange County, Indiana, to Joel Vandever (App. XXX). There was also a land transaction on the same day in 1851, between George W. Vandeveer and his brother, William M. Vandeveer (App. XVI).

George W. Vandeveer and his wife lived in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, in 1850, next door to his

brother, James Hamilton Vandeveer. He was also there in 1860. By 1870, he had moved to Christian County, Illinois, where he and his family lived in Bear Creek Township, with the post office address as Palmer; in 1880, he lived in Taylorville in the same county and state. His children all were born in Indiana, according to census records.

Children:

124. Marcilla[4] Vandeveer, born 1846.
125. Mary C. Vandeveer, born 1848.
126. William H. Vandeveer, born 1851.
127. Elizabeth Vandeveer, born 1855.
128. Joel D. Vandeveer, born 1857.
129. Charles W. Vandeveer, born 1860.

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Evaline[3] Vandeveer (Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1821/22, in Orange County, Indiana, married February 2, 1843, in that county according to the index of marriages, p. 121, Joshua Speers, "by consent of brother and of age." Joshua Speer was born 1821 in Indiana. He and his wife are enumerated on the 1860 census, Orange County, Indiana, Stamper's Creek Township, p. 539, with notation that he was a farmer, had real estate valued at $1,000, and children all born in Indiana. They later moved to Christian County, Illinois, where so many of their family lived. (The name is given as Speer.)

Children:

130. Rachel[4] Speer, born 1844.
131. S. A. Speer, a daughter, born 1846.
132. J. P. Speer, a son, born 1851.
133. Caroline Speer, born 1856.
134. Mary E. Speer, born 1860, 2 months old when census taken.

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James Hamilton[3] Vandeveer (Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born December 1, 1824, in Orange County, Indiana, died August 24, 1905, in Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, married on June 22, 1848, Elizabeth Beason, in Orange County, Indiana, by Jonathan Jones, M.G., marriage license No. 51, June 15, 1848, and p. 178 of index to marriages. Elizabeth Beason was born February 16, 1827, in Orange County, Indiana, the daughter of Richard Beason. According to the *History of Wayne County, Illinois,* 1884, she had a sister Sarah who also married a Vandeveer.

Richard Beason was born November 4, 1797, in North Carolina, moved to Greene County, Indiana. He also had a son, William L. Beason, born April 21, 1821, in Greene County, Indiana.

James Hamilton Vandeveer enlisted June 13, 1846, at Paoli, Orange County, Indiana, for service in the Mexican War, was mustered in at New Albany, Indiana, by Colonel S. Churchill, served under Captain William T. Spiceley, regiment of Colonel William A. Bowles, as Sergeant, Company B, Second Indiana Volunteers, he went to New Orleans, Louisiana, then to Point Isabel, Texas, then to Salltillo under command of General Taylor, and was in the battle of Buena Vista, Mexico, on February 22, 23, and 24, 1847. He was discharged at New Orleans, Louisiana, June 23, 1847. At the time of his enlistment he was described as five feet, ten inches tall, with blue eyes, light hair and complexion and his occupation was that of farmer.

After leaving the service he resided in Orange County, Indiana, for six years, Christian County, Illinois, for thirty-five years, Blue Mound, Illinois, for five years, and at Decatur, Macon County, Illinois, until his death.

He applied for bounty lands on account of his service and received warrant No. 8217 for 160 acres, Mexican Sur. No. 18117, when he lived in Paoli, Indiana. With his application of August 9, 1847, he submitted his discharge certificate. He also applied for a pension under the Act of January 27, 1887, submitting his application to the Commissioner of Pensions, Washington, D. C., on a letterhead, "Banking House of J. H. Vandeveer, Morrisonville,

Illinois." Horatio M. Vandeveer, his cousin, and Josephus Pound, brother-in-law, witnessed his signature to his declaration. He was allowed a pension of eight dollars a month on certificate No. 13945. James Hamilton Vandeveer died in St. Mary's hospital, Decatur, Illinois, August 24, 1905.

Elizabeth Vandeveer applied in 1906 when 78 years old, as his widow, residing in Edinburg, Christian County, Illinois. Her signature to her declaration was witnessed by Mary L. Vandeveer and Elizabeth A. Beamer, and supported by depositions of William T. Vandeveer, 63 years old, and Lyman G. Grundy, 42 years old, both of Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. An affidavit of February 9, 1906, from Evaline Speer, 84 years old, of Christian County, Illinois, was made to the effect that James H. Vandeveer was her brother and that she was present at his and his wife's infare, or housewarming, for the bride, after the marriage on her brother's return from the Mexican war. Nancy Vandeveer, Edinburg, Christian County, Illinois, on January 27, 1906, aged 81 years, declared that she was also present at the infare and reception given June 23, 1848, at the home of James H. Vandeveer's father, Joel Vandeveer, in Orange County, Indiana; this was attested by A. H. Vandeveer and C. E. Cantrill. Rachel Pound of Bear Creek, Christian County, Illinois, on February 9, 1906, declared that she was present at the marriage and that James Hamilton Vandeveer was also known as Hamilton Vandeveer.

All of these documents are in the pension files of the National Archives, Washington, D. C., which also show that Elizabeth Vandeveer was granted a pension of eight dollars a month on certificate No. 14310, dated March 15, 1906, which continued to be paid until February 28, 1908, the date of her death.

James Hamilton Vandeveer was deeded land by Joel Vandeveer in Orange County, Indiana, on November 25, 1845, subscribed by Simon A. Cornwell and Elizabeth Cornwell. On October 27, 1856, James Hamilton Vandeveer and his wife Elizabeth deeded land in Stamper's Creek Township, Orange County, Indiana, to Joseph Danner, subscribed by Joel Vandeveer and James H. Walker (App. XXIX, XXXVI).

James Hamilton Vandeveer and his wife, Elizabeth Beeson (Beason), with their children were enumerated on the censuses of Orange County, Indiana, 1850, p. 369, and Christian County, Illinois, 1870, p. 160, and 1880, p. 660.

Children:

135. Alsam H.[4] Vandeveer, born 1849, in Indiana, was a deputy clerk for Christian County, Illinois, living in Taylorville, 21 years, in 1870. His name is also shown as Alcinson Vanderveer. In 1880 he was a banker.

136. Mary Jane Vandeveer, born 1857/58, in Illinois.

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Joel P.[3] Vandeveer (Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1843, Orange County, Indiana, married about 1858, Sarah ....., born 1838, in Indiana. They moved to Christian County, Illinois, where he is found on the census of 1860, p. 799, having personal estate of $130, 26 years old, his wife, 22 years old, and one child.

Child:

137. Hannah[4] Vandeveer, born 1859, in Illinois.

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Elizabeth[3] Vandeveer (Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born February 17, 1838, youngest child of ten children, died July 4, 1917, at 79 years, and is buried in Stamper's Creek Cemetery, near Paoli, Orange County, Indiana. She married Allen McCoy, born April 9, 1832, died 1901.

Children:

138. George P.[4] McCoy, born May 9, 1857, was 77 years old March 9, 1934.

139. Joel W. McCoy, born September 20, 1860, was 73 years old September 20, 1933.

140. Charles M. McCoy, born June 7, 1863, died March 6, 1900.

+141. Minnie McCoy, born August 22, 1878, married Ora Merril Finley.

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William[3] Noblitt (Amelia[2] Vandeveer, John, Sr.[1]) was born in Washington County, Indiana, November 1, 1817. He moved with his parents to Southeast Township, Orange County, Indiana, married (1) Mary Holaday, October 2, 1842, and after her death on February 3, 1860, married (2) Nancy J. Maxedon on January 20, 1861, who died May 6, 1881. In politics he was a Democrat.

William Noblitt's family is found on the 1850 census, Orange County, Indiana, Southeast Township, p. 371, with his wife Mary and two children, as well as a Jane Holladay, 43 years old, born in North Carolina, living with him. His first wife was born 1818/19 in North Carolina.

Children, by first wife:

142. Abraham[4] Noblitt, born 1843/44 in Indiana.

+143. James L. Noblitt, born 1844/5 in Indiana.

144. Nancy J. Noblitt.

Children, by second wife:

145. Martha Noblitt.

146. David R. Noblitt.

147. Josephine Noblitt.

148. Louisa Noblitt.

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John W.[4] Vandeveer (James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 11, 1837, in Orange County, Indiana, died May 13, 1908, in Selvin (now Taylorville), Warrick County, Indiana. He was married September 4, 1859, by John McKinney, minister of the gospel, in Pike County, Indiana, to Elizabeth Spradley, who was

born May 25, 1841, and died March 5, 1913. Both are buried in Selvin (now Taylorville) cemetery, Warrick County, Indiana. Koehler Brothers, funeral directors, officiated at the burial of Elizabeth Vandeveer.

John W. Vandeveer (Vandiver) enlisted as a private on August 16, 1862, for service in the Civil War, at Lynnville, Warrick County, Indiana, in Company B, 91 Indiana Infantry. He was promoted on November 5, 1862, to corporal and then to sergeant. He was described on his enlistment as 25 years old, born in Orange County, Indiana, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, of dark complexion, with black hair and eyes. He was on the muster-out roll of June 26, 1865, at Salisbury, North Carolina. His clothing account was settled August 31, 1864, for $62.26, bounty having been paid of $25, with bounty still due him of $75. His brother, Stephen (Steven) Brown Vandeveer served in the same company. Records of these services are in the War Records Division, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

During February 1862, while serving near Smithtown, Kentucky, John W. Vandeveer contracted measles which resulted in a disease of the spine. In the spring of 1864, when he was serving on picket guard at Cumberland Gap, Tennessee, he was shot at and wounded in the arm accidentally by another picket, and by January 1865 had developed rheumatism of the legs and ankles. Various former comrades testified in his pension application No. 378949, that he was sick in Camp Stoneman, Washington, D. C., in 1865, and on board ship while going to Fort Fisher. These disabilities were the basis for granting of a pension under Certificate No. 376694, issued June 27, 1865, for $2 a month from the date of his honorable discharge. His pension was gradually raised as a result of many claims for increases until it reached $15 a month, from September 17, 1907.

Dr. Josiah Brown, Petersburg, Pike County, Indiana, on October 4, 1880, when 57 years old, testified in behalf of the claimant that from 1858 to 1862, before the Civil War, he was the family physician of John W. Vandeveer and of his father (James Vandeveer) and that the former soldier was then a sound and healthy young man.

After John W. Vandeveer's discharge from the Army, June 26, 1865, he returned to his father's house in Xenia, Clay County, Illinois, according to his testimony, and farmed about 6 miles from there at Conner's Prairie. At the end of the war his wife was living in the house of George D. Robinson, at Selvin (now Taylorville), Warrick County, Indiana. In 1894, George D. Robinson, 53 years old, resident of Selvin, Lane Township, Warrick County, Indiana, signed a letter written by E. B. Vandeveer, stating that the first place John W. Vandeveer came after the war was his house and that they worked on the road together and cropped together. A neighbor, William Cantrell, of Xenia, Illinois, related in 1885, that John W. Vandeveer was a rugged man over 200 pounds when he enlisted, but after he came home he was confined to his bed and that he, William Cantrell, had to cut firewood for him.

Harry Tiffany, a special examiner of the Pension Bureau, made an investigation of the claim in 1884, taking many depositions, with a view to increasing the pension of John W. Vandeveer. He remarked that the former soldier was the picture of health and had the torso of an athlete.

John W. Vandeveer removed from Conner's Prairie to two miles from Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, where he teamed and worked in Captain Hanan's brick yard. He also lived for a while in Marion County, Illinois. He then returned to Clay County, Illinois. In 1880, he lived in Polk Patch, Pigeon Township, Warrick County, Indiana, and is on the census of that date. In 1884, he was living in Selvin (now Taylorville) in the same county. His brother, Stephen B. Vandeveer, lived at Indian Prairie, Illinois, adjacent to Conner's Prairie, when John W. Vandeveer was there. Stephen B. Vandeveer, in 1885, when 45 years old, resided about 2½ miles west at Reinhard, Wayne County, Illinois, where he deposed in behalf of his brother's claim. He referred to his relatives living at Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, Horatio M. Vandeveer, a banker, and Hamilton Vandeveer.

Horatio M. Vandeveer, attorney at law, Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, in 1884, referred to John W. Vandeveer as the son of one of his cousins and that he saw him and his brother, Stephen

Vandeveer, every week end or two in the year they lived in Taylorville.

John W. Vandeveer on a questionnaire submitted to the Pension Bureau, Washington, D. C., December 3, 1901, Selvin, Warrick County, Indiana, stated "we have no children."

After the soldier's death on May 13, 1908, in Selvin, Warrick County, Indiana, his widow, Elizabeth Vandeveer, applied for a widow's pension on application No. 896890, which was granted at $12 a month on Certificate No. 659153. She received this pension until her death on March 5, 1913. These pension applications and papers are deposited in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

John W. Vandeveer and his wife, Elizabeth Spradley, had a number of children, but only one son appears to have reached maturity, John Bee Vandeveer. All children had died by December 3, 1901, when John W. Vandeveer submitted his questionnaire of that date to the Pension Bureau.

Children:

149. Harryann[5] Vandeveer, born September 27, 1861, died February 18, 1863, aged 1 year, 5 months, according to her gravestone engraved with those dates, followed by "daughter of J. W. and E. Vandeveer," in the Lynnville Cemetery, Warrick County, Indiana.

150. John Bee Vandeveer, who was born February 8, 1864, died October 3, 1898, and is buried in the same cemetery as his parents. In the 1870 census, reverse of page 191, he was living with his parents, in Xenia, Xenia Township, Clay County, Illinois, 6 years old, born in Indiana. In the 1880 census, reverse of page 156, he was living in Pigeon Township, Warrick County, Indiana, 16 years old, part of dwelling house 132, family 132, although his parents are enumerated on page 144, same dwelling house and family. He was the only child of his parents living in April 1898, according to a questionnaire submitted to the Pension Bureau by his father.

151. Emma Vandeveer, born October 1866, whose name is engraved on the same gravestone as that for John Bee Vandeveer.

152. Anna Vandeveer, no dates, whose name is on her parents' gravestone.

153. Jessie Vandeveer, whose name is engraved on her parents' gravestone.

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STEPHEN BROWN[4] VANDEVEER (James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1840, in Orange County, Indiana, married about 1865, Cordelia Mack, born in 1845, in Illinois, both parents of whom were born in Kentucky. He lived in Warrick County, Indiana, in 1850, and in Pike County, Indiana, in 1860, with his father and mother as shown on the censuses of those years.

He served as private for 8 months in the Civil War, in Company B, 91 Indiana Infantry, the same company in which his brother, John W. Vandeveer, served. He enlisted August 16, 1862, at Lynnville, Indiana, and is described as 22 years old, born in Orange County, Indiana, five feet 8¾ inches tall, of dark complexion, with black eyes and hair. He was paid a bounty of $25. He served to April 28, 1863, when he was at Smithland, Kentucky. His record is in the National Archives, Washington, D. C., War Records Division. He apparently applied for a pension on account of his Civil War service, which evidently was not granted since a reference appears on the index of pension applications after his name to the effect "See unidentified reference file." This file is not in the National Archives, Washington, D. C., and has not been found in the Veterans' Administration records.

After the war's end in 1865, Stephen Brown Vandeveer lived in Christian County, Illinois, near Taylorville, for several years, farming and teaming with his brother, John W. Vandeveer. He also lived for a while at Indian Prairie, Illinois. In 1880, he, his wife and family lived in Songer Township, Clay County, Illinois, as shown on the census of that year, page 337. In 1885, he lived 2½

miles west of Reinhard, Wayne County, Illinois, where he deposed in behalf of his brother's pension application.

He died February 28, 1922, and is buried in Onstott Cemetery, Xenia, Clay County, Illinois. His name is on the Roll of Honor in Springfield, Illinois, in the State Library, as having served in the Civil War, "Stephen B. Vandeveer."

Children, all born in Illinois:

+154. Perry E.[5] Vandeveer, born 1867/68, married Laura McKinley.

155. James Mc. Vandeveer, born 1868/69.

156. John B. Vandeveer, born 1872/73.

157. Caroline Vandeveer, born 1877/78.

158. William A. Vandeveer, born October 1879, shown as 7 months old on May 31, 1880, on the 1880 census, Clay County, Illinois.

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TEMPERANCE[4] VANDEVEER (James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in Orange County, Indiana, 1831/32, moved to Warrick County, Indiana, with her parents, where she married about 1864/65, Louis Robinson, born 1838/39, in Indiana. They are on the 1880 census, Warrick County, Indiana, p. 342, living in Lane Township, where Louis Robinson's parents are both indicated as born in North Carolina; Temperance's father was born in Kentucky and her mother in Tennessee. They had three children at this time, all born in Indiana.

Children:

159. Willard[5] Robinson, born 1855/56.

160. Caroline Robinson, born 1857/58.

161. Naomi Robinson, born 1877/78.

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PERRY[4] VANDEVEER (James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 2, 1844, in Orange County, Indiana, died July 29, 1914. He married

in Marion County, Illinois, on December 9, 1866 (1) Sarah M. Hanks, who was born in Marion County, Illinois, October 15, 1846, and died after 1871. He married in Clay County, Illinois, on January 15, 1874 (2) Elen Monical, who was born March 31, 1846, and died in 1896. He married (3) on September 8, 1897, Martha A. Beard, the widow of Mr. Slagley.

The Honor Roll of the Illinois Veterans Commission at the Archives in Springfield, Illinois, bears the name of Perry Vandeveer, Civil War, 1914, buried at Camp Ground Cemetery, Songer Township, Xenia, Clay County, Illinois.

He may be the Perry Vandeveer, Baptist minister, who lived at Blue Mound, Macon County, Illinois, at one time and was mentioned by Mrs. Howard Davis, the former Leda Marguerite Vandeveer, Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, as the person who used to visit her family when she was a little girl. She stated that the minister who visited them of the name Perry Vandeveer was about the age of her father, William Cyrus Vandeveer, born in 1851.

Records of the children, as follow, are in the possession of Welzie Wellington Vandeveer of Rocky River, Ohio.

Children, by Sarah M. Hanks:

162. C. C.[5] Vandeveer, born January 1, 1868.
163. A. A. Vandeveer, born September 12, 1869.
164. C. G. Vandeveer, born December 30, 1871, died October 13, 1872.

Children, by Elen Monical:

165. Hattie M. Vandeveer, born January 13, 1875.
166. Hamlin B. Vandeveer, born March 8, 1878.
167. Pearly D. Vandeveer, born August 4, 1880.
168. Elizabeth Vandeveer, born January 13, 1883.
169. Rhoda L. Vandeveer, born September 3, 1885.
170. Dalton H. Vandeveer, born June 16, 1888.

Child, by Martha A. Beard Slagley:

171. Glenn W. Vandeveer, born August 6, 1898.

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JOSIAH[4] VANDEVEER (James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 13, 1850, in Warrick County, Indiana, died July 27, 1912, and is buried in Liberty Cemetery, Cynthiana, Posey County, Indiana, where a tombstone is erected engraved with his name, followed by "Father," recording his birth and death dates. He and his wife Florence, with two children, are enumerated on the 1880 census, Gibson County, Indiana, all born in Indiana. His age is given as 29 years and his wife's age as 20 years.

Children:

172. Frank[5] Vandeveer, born 1876/77.

173. John H. Vandeveer, born 1877/78.

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LOUIS BENNETT[4] VANDEVEER (James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born December 1, 1856, Boonville, Warrick County, Indiana, died July 18, 1915, in Posey County, Indiana, which is shown on his death certificate issued at Cynthiana, with the additional information that his father was James Vandeveer, born in Cumberland County, Kentucky, and that his mother was Caroline Brown, born in Tennessee; informant, Steven B. Vandeveer (App. XXXVIII). After his father's death in 1869, he lived with his mother, in Xenia, Xenia Township, Clay County, Illinois, where he is found on the 1870 census, 13 years old, reverse of p. 191. He married Mary Ellen Gwaltney, born October 28, 1868, in Gibson County, Indiana, died May 16, 1945, in Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, at the home of her daughter Nora, wife of Archie Hunt, living at 810 East Promenade Street. Her death certificate issued in Jefferson, Missouri, shows that her usual residence was 505 Seminary Street, Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana, and that her father was Harris Gwaltney, born in Gibson County, Indiana, and maiden name of

mother was Harriett Barr, born in Pike County, Indiana; informant, Mrs. Archie Hunt (App. XXXIX).

Louis Bennett Vandeveer and his wife, Mary Ellen Gwaltney, lived near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana, where all of their children were born. Both are buried in the Liberty Cemetery, Cynthiana, Posey County, Indiana.

Mary Ellen Gwaltney was the daughter of Harris (sometimes called Harrison) Gwaltney, born 1845/55 in Indiana, and his wife, Harriet Barr, who was born 1846, in Indiana. Other known children of this couple were John H., born 1871, Charles N., born 1873, Anna, born 1876, and Laura J., born April 1879, all in Gibson County, Indiana, as shown on the census of 1880, Oakland City, Johnson Township, Gibson County, Indiana, p. 259.

Harris Gwaltney was the son of James Gwaltney, born 1822/23 in Indiana, and Phebe ....., born 1826/27 in New York. Other children of this couple were John, born 1847, Elen, born 1849, Czorius, born 1851, Samantha, born 1852, Willis, born 1856/57, Samuel, born 1857/58, Noah, born 1860, Thomas, born 1865, Richard, born 1868, James, born 1869-70, and Alsephus, born 1870. The 1860 census, Gibson County, Indiana, p. 875, enumerates the family of James Gwaltney, shows his wife as Phoeba, born in New York, and a member of the family Abgel James, 68 years old, born in New York, who may be the father of Phoeba, based on the same state of birth.

James Gwaltney was the son of Harris Gwaltney, born in North Carolina, about 1801, who married Anna ....., born about 1805 in Kentucky. They were married about 1821. Other of their children, all born in Indiana, were Amariah, born 1827, Aaron, born 1828, Noah, born 1832, Sarah, born 1834, William A., born 1836, Eliza E., born 1838, Milia W., born 1840, and Sylvester, born 1842.

The Gwaltney families lived in Gibson County, Indiana, and are enumerated on the censuses of that county for 1850, pp. 116, 122, 124; 1860, pp. 875, 881, 917; 1870, pp. 207, 227, 248; and 1880, pp. 259, 668. Welzie Wellington Vandeveer, Rocky River, Ohio, has Bible records of this Gwaltney family.

Undoubtedly, Harriet Barr, born 1845/46, who married Harris Gwaltney, born 1844/45, was the daughter of John Barr, born 1811/12, in Indiana, and his wife Sinthy ....., born 1812/13, in Indiana, on the 1850 census of Pike County, Indiana, Town of Petersburg, Washington-Patoka-Madison Townships, p. 36. A sister of Harriet is enumerated, Mary, born 1840/41, in Indiana.

All the children of Louis Bennett Vandeveer and his wife, Mary Ellen Gwaltney, were born near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana, according to Welzie Wellington Vandeveer, their eldest son, of Rocky River, Ohio, who has also furnished information concerning his brothers and sisters and their children.

Children:

+174. Welzie Wellington[5] Vandeveer, born February 16, 1887, married Wilda B. Ruth.

+175. William Harris Vandeveer, born 1889, married Emma Schmerler.

176. Curtis B. Vandeveer, born June 1891, married Dilana Garrison. He is an attorney and lives near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana. They have no children.

177. Stella Vandeveer, born 1893, married Mr. Slater, died in 1916, and is buried in the same cemetery as her parents, Liberty Cemetery, Cynthiana, Posey County, Indiana, where a tombstone records her birth and death dates. They had no children.

+178. Nora Vandeveer, born February 17, 1896, married Archie Hunt.

+179. Ocie Vandeveer, a daughter, born 1898, who married Alvin Roth.

180. Alva Lee Vandeveer, a son, born 1900, who married Fleda Tyner. They lived in Athens, Ohio, and in 1959, moved to Warsaw, Indiana. They have no children.

+181. Harley A. Vandeveer, born about 1906, who married Regina Harl.

+182. Clara Helen Vandeveer, born September 1909, who married Earl Saladin.

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Lewis[4] Vandeveer (Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in Orange County, Indiana, November 10, 1862, died March 13, 1918, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married June 29, 1893, in Taylorville, Mary Margaret Wilson, who died December 2, 1932, Taylorville, Illinois. She was the daughter of Alexander N. Wilson and his wife, Mary Ann Wear. Both Lewis Vandeveer and his wife are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Taylorville, Illinois.

Child:

+183. Gladys Theodosia[5] Vandeveer, born May 29, 1895, in Taylorville, Illinois, married Bruce Kimball.

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Harriet Ann[4] Vandeveer (Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born April 14, 1864, in Orange County, Indiana, died February 19, 1904, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. She married Albert Pollock on April 14, 1885, in Taylorville, Illinois.

Children:

184. Myrtle Belle[5] Pollock, born June 8, 1886, and died March 13, 1897.

+185. Nora Alma Pollock, born May 16, 1889, married Charles Michael Ryan.

+186. Blanche Amanda Pollock, born September 1891, married Harry Henderson.

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James Bennett[4] Vandeveer (Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1866, in Clay County, Illinois, married October 8, 1891, Mrs. Mary Oliver, popularly called Mollie. They were married in Chris-

tian County, Illinois, October 29, 1891, both being 25 years old, according to marriage record, Book C, p. 83, No. 7568. They had no children and were divorced.

He married (2) Celia Woolam, and had three children, perhaps living in northern Illinois, by 1957:

Children, by Celia Woolam:

187. Evelyn Faye[5] Vandeveer, twin.

188. Estella Maye Vandeveer, twin.

189. Roy Vandeveer.

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Susannah Caroline[4] Vandeveer (Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 13, 1872, in Clay County, Illinois, died May 17, 1902, on a farm three miles east of Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. She married on September 23, 1891, in Taylorville, Illinois, John Franklin Van Hooser, son of William Riley Van Hooser and his wife, Nancy Doyle, died May 13, 1942, Dallas, Texas. Both he and his wife are buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Christian County, at Taylorville, Illinois, beside his daughter and son. John Franklin Van Hooser never married after his wife's death but remained a widower for forty years.

Children:

190. Louise Marguerite[5] Van Hooser, born November 13, 1892, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married (1) Ralph Leo, May 18, 1914, in Springfield, Sangamon County, Ilinois, (2) Otto Bowman, of Dallas, Texas, in 1930, and (3) Oscar Bellew, of Dallas, Texas, November 13, 1942. She died August 3, 1944, in Dallas, Texas, where she is buried. She had no children.

+191. Dwight Cicero Van Hooser, born August 29, 1894, married Rose Klassen.

192. Faye Marie Van Hooser, born July 30, 1896, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married June 23, 1925, in West-

minster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, Illinois, Arthur Freeman Hughes, son of Dr. Isaac Simpson Hughes, M.D., and his wife, Mary Ellen Freeman. Mrs. Arthur Freeman Hughes is a member of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Springfield Chapter No. 7, Illinois, through her father's line, Van Hooser, the Illinois State Historical Society, Lincoln's Home Collectors' Club, Antiquarian Study Group, Order of the Eastern Star, charter member of the Daughters of the Nile, and the Midday Luncheon Club which meets at the State Centennial Building to hear world travelers and see their films. She is a genealogist and has records of the descendants of her grandparents, Tandy Vandeveer and his wife, Martha A. Beckham. She and her husband lived in 1960 at 303 South Walnut Street, Springfield, Illinois. They have no children.

193. Enola Alvena Van Hooser, born June 4, 1899, in Taylorville, Illinois, died September 13, 1924, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery in that town beside her mother, father, and brother.

+194. Ruth Carolina Van Hooser, was born January 27, 1902, in Taylorville, Illinois, married Clarence James Litton.

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Stephen Oscar[4] Vandeveer (Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1876, Clay County, Illinois, died May 1941, in Colfax, Washington. He married Mattie Roberts, January 11, 1900, Christian County, Illinois.

Child:

195. Helen Myrtle[5] Vandeveer, born 1903, in Taylorville, Illinois. She married for the third time, Victor Howard, September 29, 1938, in Oakland, California. They have no children.

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Orrel Suggett[4] Vandeveer (Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1878, Clay County, Illinois, married December 25, 1905, in Taylor-

ville, Christian County, Illinois, Lotta Slater, marriage record in Book D, p. 53, No. 11,490. His age was given as 27, his wife's as 24 years. Their two children were both born in Taylorville, Illinois.

Children:

+196. Orrel Louis[5] Vandeveer, born April 3, 1907, married Jeannette Crans.

+197. Effie Eloise Vandeveer, born March 18, 1910, married Joseph Batista Ferrari.

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Eugene A.[4] Vandeveer (Horatio,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 27, 1853, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, died November 11, 1915, and is interred at Oak Hill Cemetery in Taylorville. He married August 4, 1883, in Berlin, Germany, Eudora Attwood, born in Akron, Ohio, daughter of William Jackson Attwood and his wife, Martha Mead Welch. He with his brother, William T. Vandeveer, and his father had the largest banking house in Illinois, the H. M. Vandeveer and Company.

Children:

+198. Yolande[5] Vandeveer, who married F. W. Perkins.

+199. Vida Vandeveer, who married George Seaman.

200. Eugenia Vandeveer, who married E. W. Vollintine, a noted opera singer with years of public appearances in Europe.

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Elizabeth J.[4] Vandeveer (Horatio M.,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1859, died September 4, 1916. She married William H. Kirkwood.

Child:

201. George[5] Kirkwood, who lived in Arizona.

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WILLIAM CYRUS[4] VANDEVER (Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John Sr.[1]) was born June 12, 1851, at Vandalia, Fayette County, Illinois. He married Sarah Eleanor Grantham, born 1853 at Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, the daughter of Isaiah Grantham and his wife, Margaret Mann. William Cyrus Vandever died August 17, 1918, aged 67 years. His wife died in 1937. William Cyrus Vandever was educated in the public schools of Illinois, learned the cooper's trade and retired from a profitable cooperage business in 1905. He and his wife lived in Irving, Illinois, and were members of the Christian Church. He was a democrat in politics. *History of Oklahoma,* Vol. 3, by Joseph B. Thoburn, 1916, includes information about William Cyrus Vandever in an article on his son, William Arthur Vandever.

William Cyrus Vandever and his wife had ten children, all of whom were born on a farm near Irving, Illinois.

Children:

202. Lottie Lorenia[5] Vandever, born March 25, 1872, died unmarried in 1950. She was a school teacher for 41 years and compiled a pamphlet showing many of the descendants of Aaron Vandeveer, son of John Vandeveer, Sr., which is a partial source of the information here presented.

+203. William Arthur Vandever, born May 24, 1874, married Mary Cathrine Delmore.

204. Isabelle Joyce Vandever, born October 12, 1876, married Fred R. Lyerla. They had a daughter, Doris Eloise Lyerla, born June 7, 1911, who died at 6 years of age on October 13, 1917.

+205. Charles Speers Vandever, born March 28, 1879, married Luella Jane Marshall.

206. Clara Frances Vandever, born January 4, 1882, married Eugene Carriker. They had no children.

+207. Elva Leora Vandever, born May 21, 1884, married Launcelot Hadaway.

+208. Voris Vincent Vandever, born May 12, 1887, married Margrete May Harris.

+209. Gary York Vandever, born October 10, 1888, married Allene Vawter.

+210. Verne Neville Vandever, born October 16, 1892, married Maude Handley.

211. Leda Marguerite Vandever, born May 7, 1896, married Howard Davis, and was living, in 1959, in Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois.

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Aaron Keys[4] Vandever (Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 4, 1855, died in 1920, at 66 years of age, married Mamie Haller. He lived probably in Montgomery County, Illinois, near Irving. His estate is filed in Box 126, Montgomery County, Illinois, indicating he died December 6, 1920, and lived in Nokomis, Illinois. He names his wife, Mary B., two sons, Aaron E. and Lester K., and two grandsons, Edmond B. and Ralph Aaron Vandever. Aaron E. Vandever furnished information about his brothers and sisters.

Children:

212. Aaron Edmund[5] Vandever, a newspaper publisher who followed his father's profession, retired in 1953, and in 1955, was living in Nokomis, Illinois. He stated he had an old billfold with the name of his grandfather, Dr. Aaron S. Vandeveer, printed on the outside, although his family used the spelling Vandever.

+213. Edmund Bond Vandever, married Irene Gillard.

+214. Lester Keys Vandever, married Nora Boling.

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Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever (Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born January 22, 1860 and died February 22, 1904. She married (1) Luther Bandy, and (2) George Hodson.

Children, by Luther Bandy:

+215. Ella[5] Bandy, married S. T. Barnett.

+216. Roy Bandy, married Vera Jones.

+217. Welcome S. Bandy, married Viola .....

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Laura Letitia[4] Vandever (Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born April 12, 1862, in Montgomery County, Illinois, died September 18, 1911, married Eugene P. Carriker.

Children:

+218. Ray[5] Carriker, married (1) Lucy Weeks and (2) Lulu Cale Thorp.

+219. Vera Carriker, married Ralph Winn.

+220. Charles Otis Carriker, married Viola Wilson.

221. Ethel Carriker, married Homer Green. No children.

+222. Carl Carriker, married Ruby Lyerla.

223. Hugh Carriker, married Lena Marie Knoles. No children.

224. Olin Carriker, died in infancy.

225. Howard Carriker.

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George Alexander[4] Vandeveer (Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born December 12, 1853, in Illinois, died August 3, 1908, Hutchinson, Kansas, married September 5, 1876, Morrisonville, Illinois, Clara Isabelle Edgcomb, who was born December 19, 1857, Ophir

Twp., La Salle County, Illinois, died August 12, 1942, Utica, New York.

He was a farmer, lawyer, banker, and judge. He ran a bank in Burton, Kansas, and engaged also in selling Texas ponies of which he owned quite a string. He left the banking business to enter into the practice of law with the Honorable A. R. Schleble, and became a member of the Reno County Bar Association, practicing law in Kansas City, Missouri, where he was appointed by the Supreme Court as a member of the Board of Law Examiners of Kansas. He went to New York City with the Surety Company. On his return he lived in Hutchinson, Kansas, and was a member of the law firm of Vandeveer and Martin. Frank L. Martin, a member of the firm, married Nellie Vandeveer, George Alexander's sister. He was killed in an intersection accident the day he was nominated as Judge of the District Court of Reno County, Kansas. His fellow lawyers and judges of Hutchinson, Kansas, published a printed testimonial to his memory, a copy of which is in the possession of Mrs. Leroy George Vandeveer, his daughter-in-law

A newspaper at the time he was running for judge of the ninth judicial district on the Republican ticket printed an article stating, "Judge Vandeveer has been a successful lawyer. Except for ten years in the nineties that he spent in New York in the practice of his profession, he has lived in this district since 1879. He has not been a politician or a candidate but has established himself as a skilled and scholarly lawyer. The Supreme Court of his state has shown its appreciation of his character by making him one of a committee which examines applicants for admission to the bar. He is recognized throughout the district and the state, as well as in his home community, as a leader in the profession and a man eminently fitted for judge." Mrs. Leroy George Vandeveer has a transcript of the funeral addresses for George Alexander Vandeveer which were made by the Reverend Mr. Rogers and Mr. Cook, apparently of Hutchinson, Kansas.

Clara Isabel Edgcomb, George Alexander Vandeveer's wife, was the daughter of John Edgcomb, born 1826 in England and murdered by a highwayman in 1864, in La Salle County, Illinois. John

Edgcomb's wife was Ellen Elizabeth Spaulding who was born in 1835, in Mohawk Village, New York. After her first husband's death she married (2) John A. Lee and is buried in Mendota, Illinois.

George Alexander Vandeveer and his wife are both buried in Hutchinson, Kansas.

Children:

226. Cossie Lee[5] Vandeveer, born July 9, 1877, at Morrisonville, Illinois, married Ernest Tietzel, Jr., and died February 12, 1939, in New York City. Mr. Tietzel was of Brooklyn, New York.

+227. Fred Leroy Vandeveer, born January 26, 1879, married Vesta Foljambe Hardy.

228. Harry Duncan Vandeveer, born April 19, 1881, at Burton, Kansas. He was educated at Yale University. He died April 9, 1956, in California.

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Amanda[4] Vandeveer (Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born February 5, 1864, died in Wichita, Kansas, and is buried at Pratt, Kansas. She married E. N. Maxfield, lived in Stafford, Kansas.

Children:

229. Nellie[5] Maxfield, who married and was a widow about 1934.

230. Pauline Maxfield, who never married.

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Nellie[4] Vandeveer (Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 2, 1868, died September 1948, married Judge Frank L. Martin, Hutchinson, Kansas, and lived in Los Angeles, California, about 1934. Frank L. Martin was a member of the firm, Vandeveer and Martin, in which Nellie Vandeveer's brother, George Alexander Vandeveer, was also a member.

Children:

231. Vandeveer[5] Martin.

232. Elizabeth Martin.

233. Clara Martin, married W. D. Steinhauer, probably was living about 1934 in Hollywood, California.

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Calvin B.[4] Vandeveer (Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born June 9, 1870, probably in Pana, Illinois, Christian County, married about 1901, Mary Brooks, nicknamed Mollie, who was possibly born in Ireland. Calvin B. Vandeveer was living in 1940 in Ashland, Kansas.

Children:

234. Harry[5] Vandeveer.

235. Catherine Vandeveer.

236. George Vandeveer.

237. Twin brother of George Vandeveer, name unknown.

238. Child whose name is unknown.

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Cynthia[4] English (Cynthia[3] Vandeveer, George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 1849 or 1850, and reared by her uncle, Aaron Vandeveer, and his wife, Sarah Catherine McWilliams, in Pana, Christian County, Illinois. She was living in that family, indicated as 10 years old, born in Illinois, in the census of 1860, of Christian County, Illinois, post office Taylorville, page 779. She married A. Newton Durnell. In 1934, Alpha Durnell Hawley, 2405 Yupon Drive, Houston, Texas, wrote that her mother was then 84 years old come May; in March 1940, she wrote that Cynthia English Durnell was still living, aged 91 years, and of good mind and memory.

Child:

+239. Alpha[5] Durnell, who married ..... Hawley.

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Minnie[4] McCoy (Elizabeth[3] Vandeveer, Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 22, 1878, married Ora Merril Finley. In 1955, she was living in Campbellsburg, Indiana, with her daughter, Mrs. Elizabeth McCoy Finley Trinkle, and furnished information about her grandfather, mother, and her own family and descendants.

Children:

+240. Elizabeth McCoy[5] Finley, born July 27, 1899, who married ..... Trinkle.

241. Allen Merrill Finley, born July 14, 1904, died December 8, 1923, while in his second year of college.

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James L.[4] Noblitt (William[3] Noblitt, Amelia[2] Vandeveer, John, Sr.[1]) was born 1844/45 in Orange County, Indiana. He married and had a daughter.

Child:

242. Mary[5] Noblitt, born 1873, who married ..... McCabe. In 1935, Mrs. Mary Noblitt McCabe, R. D. 2, Paoli, Indiana, wrote that she was 62 years old and had the minutes of the Blue River Association, under which came the Rock Spring Primitive Baptist Church. She said that her father, James L. Noblitt, had a Bible recording Noblitt ancestors. At that time Mrs. McCabe had one son.

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Perry E.[5] Vandeveer (Stephen Brown,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born 1866/68, probably in Clay County, Illinois, where he is found in Songer Township, 1880 census, p. 337, living with his

parents, Stephen Brown Vandeveer and Cordelia Mack Vandeveer. He was then 12 years old. He married in Christian County, Illinois, on October 29, 1891, Laura McKinley, who 25 years old and the same age as he, Marriage Book C, p. 84, No. 7593.

Mrs. Arthur Freeman Hughes, the former Marie Van Hooser, recalls that Perry E. Vandeveer, a cousin of her mother, Susanna Carolina Vandeveer, lived in Taylorville, Illinois, in the early 1900's and used to visit her mother bringing his family. Mrs. Hughes has a photograph of Callie, Perry's sister Caroline, whom he brought to visit from Flora, Clay County, Illinois. One member of the family said that Callie was the prettiest girl he had ever seen. Perry Vandeveer, Mrs. Hughes states, used to go to Louisville, Kentucky, to visit relatives, perhaps his mother's family.

Perry Vandeveer was a man of many talents. He could play any musical instrument as well as take a piano or organ apart and put it together again. In the early 1900's he drew the plans for a fan house to furnish air in a new mine sunk at Stonington, Christian County, Illinois. His plans were followed and the results were so efficient that many thousands of dollars were saved by the company. At one time in order to avoid delay in putting in his telephone calls through the central telephone office in Stonington he built a switchboard in his house which worked successfully. Naturally this switchboard was torn out eventually by the telephone company. One of his most colorful and successful inventions was the transformation of a buggy into the then popular "steamer" by means of a steam engine and a wash boiler. He was a prominent figure as he drove this steamer around the town.

It is not known where Perry Vandeveer is buried although efforts have been made by his only living son (1957) to locate his grave. His wife, Laura McKinley Vandeveer, is buried in Stonington, Illinois.

Children:

243. Clyde[6] Vandeveer, born about 1893, died about 1954 in Gillespie, Macoupin County, Illinois.

244. Godie Vandeveer.

245. George Vandeveer, who may have been living in 1957.

246. Zura Vandeveer, who died in World War I. The Stonington, Illinois, American Legion Post, is named for him.

247. Hallie May Vandeveer, married on December 24, 1918, in Christian County, Illinois, Glen Pope, she being recorded as 18 years old and he as 25 years old, Marriage Book D, p. 207, No. 995.

248. Stephen Vandeveer, who died in infancy, order of birth unknown.

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WELZIE WELLINGTON[5] VANDEVEER (Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born February 16, 1887, the eldest of nine children, on a farm near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana. He married on March 7, 1919, Wilda B. Ruth, in Akron, Ohio, who was born December 3, 1889, in Greencamp, Marion County, Ohio. He and his wife now reside at 21620 Avalon Drive, Rocky River 16, Ohio. Mr. Vandeveer's office is at 55 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. His farm, "Wilda Ruth Farm," is on Route No. 3, Medina, Ohio.

He finished his education in Haubstadt schools with honors and in 1908 enrolled at the Southern Illinois Normal University (now Southern Illinois University) at Carbondale, Illinois.

In 1910, he elected to enter the teaching profession and spent the next three years as an instructor in two Effingham County schools in Edgewood and Dietrich, Illinois. A job opening in 1913, with the Western Union Telegraph Company provided transition to the business world and for the next three years Mr. Vandeveer successfully learned, as he says, "the commercial ropes." He became associated with the Goodrich Tire and Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, in 1916 and remained actively with this firm until 1921 when he left to join the American Petroleum Products Company. His interest in oil resources and their development grew within the next three years and he decided to found his own producing and market company, Allied Oil, Incorporated, which he did in 1925. For the next twenty-three years he held the Allied presidency and built

the enterprise into a major business in the oil field. In 1948, Allied Oil was merged with Ashland Oil and Refining Company, Ashland, Kentucky. Mr. Vandeveer severed his executive activities when the new company began operating to devote his attention to the creation of a new business enterprise, Vanson Production Corporation with offices at 55 Public Square, Cleveland, Ohio. This corporation produces oil and gas in the southwestern states. Mr. Vandeveer is chairman of the Vanson board of directors and the corporation has one branch office in Dallas, Texas.

During World War II, Mr. Vandeveer served from 1943 to 1945 as director of the Second Petroleum District of the United States, which covered fifteen midwestern states for the Petroleum Administration for War. With headquarters in Chicago, he played a major role in the oil conservation and distribution program of the Federal Government. Since the end of World War II he has served as a member of the National Petroleum Council, an oil advisory group to the United States which helped to overcome acute oil shortage in Europe when the Suez Canal was closed.

Although his business schedules have dictated strenuous routines for W. W., as he is popularly known to his friends, he never lost touch with old friends in Indiana and Illinois, scenes of his student days. Each year he returns to southern Indiana to renew old times and hunt quail. In 1955, Mr. Vandeveer returned to Haubstadt and was the principal speaker at the Centennial Celebration of Haubstadt, Indiana, his address being entitled "The Heritage of My Home Town," and later printed (App. XL). He is past president of the Southern Illinois University Alumni Association and is a member of the school's foundation. In 1950, he delivered the commencement address at the university and received an Honorary LL.B. degree, the first one ever awarded by the 75-year-old institution.

W. W. Vandeveer in addition to holding the aforementioned offices, is director of the Toledo, Peoria and Western Railroad, director of the American Petroleum Institute, member of the Twenty-five Year Club of the Petroleum Industry. Several years ago he was general chairman of a million dollar drive for a new

Fairview Park Hospital in Cleveland and is now on the Board of Directors of the hospital. He is trustee of the Cleveland Zoological Society. He is a member of the Pepper Pike Country Club, the Westwood County Club, the Union Club, the Chicago Club, and the Indiana Society of Chicago. He is a thirty-second degree Mason and a member of the Shrine.

With his long list of accomplishments and two citations from two United States Department of Interior Secretaries for outstanding service in World War II, Welzie Wellington Vandeveer stands high in any list of distinguished United States citizens. Not only is he an eminent native of the State of Indiana but he is a national figure in the promotion of American petroleum and gas resources. His pamphlet, "Mergeritis," written to explain the merger of Allied Oil, Incorporated, into Ashland Oil and Refining Company, in 1948, is a brilliant dissertation on his beliefs in behalf of a system of individual enterprise (App. XLI).

Children:

+249. James Wellington[6] Vandeveer, born May 24, 1925, married Elizabeth Ober Smith.

+250. Ruth Vandeveer, born May 28, 1927, married Edward Arthur Basham.

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William Harris[5] Vandeveer (Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1889, near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana, and married Emma Schmerler. He was killed in an automobile accident at Medina, Ohio, on April 4, 1952, and is buried there. Mrs. Vandeveer now resides in Fairview Village, a suburb of Cleveland, Ohio.

Child:

+251. William Harris[6] Vandeveer, Jr., born January 5, 1926, married Geraldine Marquard.

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NORA[5] VANDEVEER (Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana, on February 17, 1896, and married Archie Hunt. They lived in 1945, at 810 East Promenade Street, Mexico, Audrain County, Missouri, where her mother died on a visit at that time. The Hunts now reside at 321 South Barr Street, in the same city.

Children:

+252. Mary Agnes[6] Hunt, born September 2, 1916, married Howard Kindig.

+253. Olgie Eloise Hunt, born August 10, 1918, married Griffin Farrah.

+254. Lowell Vandeveer Hunt, born July 3, 1924, married Lou Eva Street.

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OCIE[5] VANDEVEER (Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana, in 1898, and married Alvin Roth. They live at 508 Evelyn Avenue, Louisville, Kentucky.

Children:

+255. Charles Louis[6] Roth, born March 4, 1924, and is married.

+256. Earl Wayne Roth, born July 11, 1932, and is married.

257. Helen Roth, born October 18, 1935, married .....Gullion.

+258. James Van Roth, born July 22, 1937, and is married.

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HARLEY A.[5] VANDEVEER (Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born about 1905, near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana. He married Regina Harl, and they live in De Pere, Wisconsin.

Children:

+259. Emma Jean[6] Vandeveer, born January 10, 1923, married James Cox.

+260. Joyce Ann Vandeveer, born March 5, 1926, married Richard Ambrose.

+261. Lois Belle Vandeveer, born March 21, 1930, married Roger Stanley.

262. Carol Rae Vandeveer, born July 8, 1934, married Ronald Meidl.

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Clara Helen[5] Vandeveer (Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born near Haubstadt, Gibson County, Indiana, and married Earl Saladin. They reside at 240 Bedford Street, Moberly, Missouri.

Child:

263. Nancy Earlene[6] Saladin, born August 8, 1942.

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Gladys Theodosia[5] Vandeveer (Lewis,[4] Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 29, 1895, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married October 5, 1916, in Springfield, Sangamon County, Illinois, Bruce Kimball, son of Richard Kimball and his wife, Frances Jane Henderson.

Mrs. Kimball worked in the court house at Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, for many years. The story is told by a cousin of hers that William T. Vandeveer, noted banker of Taylorville, used to come into the court house and teasingly ask her if she had looked up her relatives. It is said that he could be heard on the first floor stating in reference to her, "Well, I guess I'll go up and see my relative."

Child:

+264. Richard Vandeveer[6] Kimball, born May 3, 1919, married Patricia Ann McCormick.

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Nora Alma[5] Pollock (Harriet Ann[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 16, 1889, married May 31, 1917, Decatur, Illinois, Charles Michael Ryan, and was living, in 1957, at 652 West Olive Street, Decatur, Illinois.

Children:

+265. William Vandeveer[6] Ryan, born March 19, 1918, married Norma Liening.

266. Annetta Louise Ryan, born January 31, 1922, married Vernon Raymond Howell, from Kentucky, on July 3, 1954. In 1957, they were living in Dayton, Ohio.

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Blanche Amanda[5] Pollock (Harriet Ann[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 9, 1891, married Harry Henderson, in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1908. Their address in 1957 was General Hospital, Napierville, Illinois.

Children:

267. Mildred Harriet[6] Henderson, who married Mr. Rose. They had one son who died in infancy in 1927, in Taylorville, Illinois. In 1957, they lived in Clinton, Iowa.

+268. Marjorie Marie Henderson, married (1) Matthew Creed, and (2) Elton Boers. She was probably born about 1912.

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Dwight Cicero[5] Van Hooser (Susannah Caroline[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 29, 1894, in Taylorville,

Christian County, Illinois, died December 12, 1953, in Chicago, Illinois, and is buried in Oak Hill Cemetery, Taylorville, Illinois. He married on February 19, 1914, at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Taylorville, Illinois, Rose Klassen, daughter of Frank Klassen and his wife, Barbara Peters.

Children:

+269. Clara Rose[6] Van Hooser, born May 14, 1915, married John Schoeps.

+270. Caroline Marie Van Hooser, born March 22, 1920, married Lucien Goulet.

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Ruth Carolina[5] Van Hooser (Susannah Caroline[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born January 27, 1902, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married on September 3, 1921, Clarence James Litton, son of Tavey Litton and his wife, Judith ..... She is a member of the Eastern Star, Annis Club, past Queen of the Daughters of the Nile, and in the Order of Amaranth. Clarence James Litton, Sr., died July 30, 1941, in Texas, and is buried in Oak Ridge Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois.

Child:

271. Clarence James[6] Litton, Jr., born November 22, 1926, at Jacksonville, Illinois, married November 8, 1948, in the Laurel Methodist Church, Springfield, Illinois, Clara Jean Forman, daughter of Paul and Lula (Osterholt) Forman. He is employed in the Comptroller's office of the Central Illinois Light Company, Peoria, Illinois. They have no children.

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Orrel Louis[5] Vandeveer (Orrel Suggett,[4] Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born April 3, 1907, Taylorville, Illinois, married in 1936,

in Colfax, Washington, Jeannette Crans. He died shortly after 1951, in Colfax, Washington.

Children:

+272. Annette[6] Vandeveer, born December 18, 1939.

273. Dennis Vandeveer, born February 8, 1951.

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Effie Eloise[5] Vandeveer (Orrel Suggett,[4] Tandy,[3] John[2], John, Sr.[1]) was born March 18, 1910, in Taylorville, Illinois, Christian County, married March 30, 1932, in the same place, Joseph Batista Ferrari.

Children:

+274. Michael Vandeveer[6] Ferrari, born October 17, 1936, and in 1956 was in his last year at a university, majoring in music.

275. Paul Joseph Vandeveer Ferrari, born August 13, 1944, a junior high school student in 1957.

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Yolande[5] Vandeveer (Eugene A.,[4] Horatio M.,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married F. W. Perkins, of Chicago, Illinois.

Children:

276. Emily Wainwright[6] Perkins.

277. Yolande Perkins.

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Vida[5] Vandeveer (Eugene A.,[4] Horatio,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married Col. George Seaman.

Children:

278. Vida[6] Seaman.

279. Georgene Seaman.

280. William Seaman.

281. George Seaman.

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WILLIAM ARTHUR[5] VANDEVER (William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 24, 1874, on a farm at Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois. He married Marie Catherine Delmore. They had no children. In 1954, William Arthur Vandever was 80 years old and the farm where he was born was still in the family.

William Arthur Vandever and his brother Charles, as boys, dreamed of owning a store in which they and their three brothers, Gary, Verne, and Voris, would some day be partners. The dream became a reality in Vandever's Department Store in Tulsa, Oklahoma. William left the farm in Irving, Illinois, and first worked in a dry goods store in St. Louis, Missouri, where his brother Charles followed him. In 1903, B. C. Beane of Fayetteville, Arkansas, a dry goods merchant, planned a store in Tahlequah, Indian Territory, the picturesque capital of the Cherokee Nation. Impressed with the ability of William Vandever, Mr. Beane persuaded him to open the store and later joined him in the venture.

In 1904, they came to Tulsa, Oklahoma, which had a population of only 3,000 persons, but due to the discovery of oil at Red Fork already was enjoying a sizeable real estate boom. They leased the new Egan building, just built by Jim Egan and thus the Beane-Vandever Dry Goods Company was started and became the largest and most active concern of its kind in the town. By 1912, Mr. Beane decided to open a furniture store as a separate venture. William with his brothers, Charles, Voris, Gary, and Verne, who had come into the dry goods store, bought out Mr. Beane's interest. The store under their ownership became Vandevers Dry Goods Company. The building was expanded by the addition of a third floor and on the roof was built Tulsa's first vaudeville house, an open air theatre. By the early 1920's the population of Tulsa had

steadily moved South and the Vandever brothers, analyzing the situation, decided to build the present structure at Fifth and Boston Streets where they moved in 1924. By 1946, the store had been expanded by the purchase of various adjacent properties until the store embraced an area with three entrances—on Main, Fifth, and Boston.

William Arthur Vandever was active in civic affairs, president of the Tulsa Rotary Club and, in 1917 and 1918, charter member of the Commercial Club. He served as a member of the board of directors of that club and the succeeding Chamber of Commerce for twenty-five years.

During the 1930's, he renovated and modernized the farm in Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, where he was born.

In March 1950, the official structure of Vandevers department store was reorganized. William Arthur Vandever became chairman of the board, Gary Vandever, president, and Verne Vandever, executive vice-president. Voris and Charles Vandeveer had then died. Two younger Vandevers were taken into the firm to carry on the family tradition, V. Vincent Vandever, son of Voris, became secretary, and William G. Vandever, son of Gary, became the treasurer.

The name Vandever is as familiar to Tulsa as Main street and it is synonymous with the history and romance of Tulsa. This short history has been condensed from a speech delivered on the occasion of Vandevers Golden Jubilee luncheon given on March 11, 1954, by Glenn Condon, paying tribute to this remarkable family. Copies of the speech were printed and distributed.

An article on William A. Vandever appears in the *History of Oklahoma,* Volume III, by Joseph B. Thoburn, 1916, with a full portrait preceding the article. His marriage to Marie C. Delmore, born in Boone County, Missouri, took place July 25, 1900.

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Charles Speers[5] Vandever (William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 28, 1879, on a farm near Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, died May 26, 1947, in Tulsa,

Oklahoma, and is buried in Memorial Park cemetery of that city. He married on May 27, 1908, in Glen Elder, Kansas, Luella Jane Marshall, born June 9, 1886, in Concordia, Cloud County, Kansas. She was the daughter of Samuel Hazelette Marshall and his wife, Georgana Wilcox. Charles Speers Vandever was a stockholder in Vandever Dry Goods Company and became active in the operation of the company in 1911 after its reorganization as Vandever's, Incorporated. Mrs. Vandever lives at 3530 South Birmingham, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and furnished the information concerning her children.

Children:

+282. Georgia Pauline[6] Vandever, born Nov. 6, 1909, married Wilbur Rabon Beesley.

+283. Martha Eleanor Vandever, born July 14, 1911, married Edgar Damon Hieronymus.

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Elva Leora[5] Vandever (William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Lancelot Hadaway.

Children:

+284. Weldon Maurice[6] Hadaway, married Marie Hartmann.

285. Saraetta Hadaway, married Eugene Gound.

286. Doris Frances Hadaway.

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Voris Vincent[5] Vandever (William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 12, 1887, at Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, died August 10, 1937, in Tucson, Arizona, and is buried in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He married on April 30, 1922, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Margrete May Harris, who was born December 26, 1899, at Seymour, Missouri, and christened at Holdenville, Oklahoma, daughter of William Alfred Harris and his wife, Anna Lee Lamar.

Voris Vincent Vandever was one of the five brothers who established and owned the department store in Tulsa, The Vandever Company, Incorporated. Since her husband's death, Mrs. Vandever lives at 1725 South Peoria Street, Tulsa, Oklahoma, and has furnished information about her children and grandchildren. All the children were born in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Children:

+287. Sara Lee[6] Vandever, born September 3, 1924, married Thomas H. Trower.

+288. Voris Vincent Vandever, Jr., born January 23, 1926, married Mary Nell Fowler.

+289. Patricia May Vandever, born June 26, 1928, married Balie Peyton Waggener, III.

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Gary York[5] Vandever (William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born October 10, 1888, at Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, died January 8, 1959, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, and is buried in Memorial Park in that city. He married on July 7, 1914, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, Allene Sinclair Vawter, born January 30, 1889, at Columbia, Missouri, daughter of Allen Vaul Vawter and his wife, Bette Sinclair.

Gary York Vandever became president of the Vandever Company, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma, in March 1950. He served as president of the Tulsa Retail Merchants Association, and was twice president of the Oklahoma State Retail Merchants Association. He had held the following offices, which are only a partial list: director, Tulsa Community Chest; trustee, American Retailers Federation; director, Associate Industries of Oklahoma; trustee, Philbrook Art Center; deacon, First Christian Church; director, National Retail Dry Goods Association; executive director, Arkansas River Basin Association; director, First National Bank and Trust Company; director, Atlas Life Insurance Company; member, executive committee, Tulsa Advertising Federation; member, Oklahoma Public Welfare Com-

mission; member, Tulsa City Water Board. His children were all born in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Children:

+290. Betty Lou[6] Vandever, born August 12, 1918, who married (1) Daniel Fletcher Duden, and (2) Huber Crockett Hughes, Jr.

+291. William Gary Vandever, born June 17, 1925, married Madeline Erickson.

+292. Garalene Vandever, born October 2, 1927, married William Haden Haworth, Jr.

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VERNE NEVILLE[5] VANDEVER (William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born at Irving, Montgomery County, Illinois, on October 16, 1892, died November 12, 1957, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he is buried in Memorial Park. He married December 10, 1917, at Neosha, Missouri, Maude Handley, born July 4, 1897, at Fontanette, Iowa, daughter of Richard Granville Handley and his wife, Sarah Elizabeth Layne. Representative of the activities of the Vandever brothers which reached into virtually every phase of community life are a few of the positions held by Verne Vandever: he received high honors from the Future Farmers of America and the 4-H Clubs for services he rendered; one of the organizers and for five years served as head of the Employees' Division of the Tulsa Community Chest; past president, Tulsa Optimist Club; honorary life member, Tulsa Roundup Club; chairman for eight years of the sales committee of the annual Junior Livestock Show and Sale; president of the Tulsa Horse Show from 1939 to 1949; chairman, for two years, of the State Board of Distributive Education; national president and one of the organizers of the Mounted Troops of America; member of the board of the Boy Scouts; campaign chairman for Camp Garland; vice-chairman, Tulsa Fat Stock Show; chairman of the campaign that raised a million dollars for Hillcrest Hospital; president for two terms of the Tulsa

Retail Trade Board; past president, Tulsa Better Business Bureau; director, Sand Springs Textile Mills; director, Southwestern Shetland Pony Breeders' Association and officer of the rules of the American Shetland Pony Club.

Children:

+293. Eleanor Marie[6] Vandever, born September 10, 1918, married Beryl Leon Clark.

+294. Lottie Louise Vandever, born September 6, 1921, married William McFadden Martin.

+295. Elizabeth Ann Vandever, born July 10, 1929, married Richard G. Wells.

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Edmund Bond[5] Vandever (Aaron Keys,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was married to Irene Gilland. They live in Nokomis, Illinois.

Child:

296. Carol Sue[6] Vandever.

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Lester Keys[5] Vandever (Aaron Keys,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Nora Boling, and had four sons and one daughter, according to Mrs. Charles Speers Vandever, Tulsa, Oklahoma. He lives in Florida. Only one son is known:

Child:

+297. Ralph Aaron[6] Vandever, who married Josephine Cimbalista. In 1955, he was living in Hillsboro, Illinois, a practicing attorney-at-law.

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Ella[5] Bandy (Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married S. T. Barnett.

Children:

+298. Clinton[6] Barnett, married (1) Bessie Ward and (2) Bee Masoner.

+299. Dwight Barnett, married Maude Eagleburgher.

300. Hester Barnett, married O. P. Miller and had no children.

+301. John Barnett, married Helen .....

302. Alvin Barnett, married Myrtle Price.

+303. Charlotte Barnett, married Earl Morehead.

304. Homer Barnett, married Ester ..... and had no children.

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Roy[5] Bandy (Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever (Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Vera Jones.

Children:

305. Donald[6] Bandy.

306. Keith Bandy.

307. Hazel Bandy.

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Welcome S.[5] Bandy (Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron[2], John, Sr.[1]) married Viola.....

Children:

308. William Vandever[6] Bandy.

+309. Ruth Bandy, married Joe Frumken.

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Ray[5] Carriker (Laura Letitia[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married (1) Lucy Meeks and (2) Lulu Cale Thorp.

Children by his first wife, Lucy Meeks:

310. Idola[6] Carriker.

311. Gwendolyn Carriker.

Children by his second wife, Lulu Cale Thorp:

312. Jennie Carriker.

313. Alta Carriker.

219

Vera[5] Carriker (Laura Letitia[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Ralph Winn.

Child:

314. Jack[6] Winn, married Dorothy .....

220

Charles Otis[5] Carriker (Laura Letitia[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Viola Wilson.

Children:

+315. Thyra[6] Carriker, married Donald Lee.

316. Eugene Carriker.

317. Laura Ellen Carriker, married Clifford Youngsdale.

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Carl[5] Carriker (Laura Letitia[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Ruby Lyerla. He died during World War I.

Child:

318. Virginia[6] Carriker, married Walter Bright.

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Fred Leroy[5] Vandeveer (George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born January 26, 1879, in Taylorville, Christian

County, Illinois, educated at Yale University, married June 30, 1900, New Haven, Connecticut, Veste Foljambe Hardy, who was born May 28, 1875, in Malden, Massachusetts. Her father was George Richardson Hardy, born 1845, in Hollis, Hillsboro County, New Hampshire, and died 1903, in Malden, Massachusetts. Her mother was Ella Corrina Foljambe who was born 1853, Dayton, Ohio, and died in 1943, Bloomfield, New Jersey. Mr. and Mrs. Vandeveer celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary in June 1960 at their home in Phoenix, Arizona.

Children:

+319. Leroy George[6] Vandeveer, born August 3, 1902, married Isabel Prime Waterworth.

+320. Rudolph Ethelbert Vandeveer, born June 25, 1906, Detroit, Michigan, married Eleanora Wilson.

+321. Vesta Ethelwyn Vandeveer, born December 26, 1908, married (1) John Wilson Hood, and (2) John O'Sullivan.

+322. Rosalind Marjorie Vandeveer, born July 14, 1910, married the first time and divorced, married (2) Gordon Lyndesay Waterworth.

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Alpha[5] Durnell (Cynthia[4] English, Cynthia[3] Vandeveer, George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married ..... Hawley. She referred to sons and a daughter in 1934, when she resided at 2405 Yupon Drive, Houston, Texas, and was writing to Mrs. Nellie Vandeveer Martin. She wrote that her sons were attending the Rice Institute and studying engineering, and that her mother, Cynthia English, would be 84 years old the coming May.

Children:

323. .....[6] Hawley (son).

324. ..... Hawley (son).

325. Mary Jane Hawley, born 1915/16, 17 years old in 1933.

240

Elizabeth McCoy[5] Finley (Minnie[4] McCoy, Elizabeth[3] Vandeveer, Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married ..... Trinkle. In September 1956, she was teaching and living at Campbellsburg, Indiana.

Children:

+326. Morris Wayne[6] Trinkle, born in 1923, and was married in 1956.

+327. Margaret Elizabeth Trinkle, born in 1929, married Robert Carter.

249

James Wellington[6] Vandeveer (Welzie Wellington,[5] Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 24, 1925, in Cleveland, Ohio. He married Elizabeth Ober Simth. He is president of the Vanson Production in Dallas, Texas, which produces oil and gas in the southwestern United States. He and his family reside at 10056 Gaywood Avenue, in the city of Dallas, Texas, where both of his children were born.

Children:

328. Victoria[7] Vandeveer, born December 3, 1953.

329. Cynthia Vandeveer, born October 22, 1957.

250

Ruth[6] Vandeveer (Welzie Wellington,[5] Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 28, 1927, in Cleveland, Ohio, married Arthur Basham. They live at 5129 Palisade Circle, Riverside, California.

Children:

330. Arthur Vandeveer[7] Basham, born May 14, 1952, in Riverside, California.

331. Annett Ruth Basham, born May 20, 1955, in Pasadena, California.

332. Holly Marie Basham, born December 19, 1956, in Montgomery, Alabama.

251

William Harris[6] Vandeveer, Jr. (William Harris, Sr.,[5] Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born January 5, 1926, married Geraldine Marguard. Their five children were born in Cleveland, Ohio.

Children:

333. William Harris[7] Vandeveer, III, born March 15, 1951.

334. Debra Ann Vandeveer, born April 29, 1952.

335. Mark Bennett Vandeveer, born November 7, 1953.

336. Kim Ann Vandeveer, born June 29, 1955.

337. David Alva Vandeveer, born September 15, 1956.

252

Mary Agnes[6] Hunt (Nora[5] Vandeveer, Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 2, 1916, married Howard Kindig.

Children:

338. Howard Wayne[7] Kindig, born June 22, 1941.

339. James Lowell Kindig, born August 3, 1943.

340. Dorothy Ann Kindig, born March 23, 1946.

341. Charles Lemuel Kindig, born December 5, 1952.

253

Olgie Eloise[6] Hunt (Nora[5] Vandeveer, Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 10, 1918, married Griffin Farrah.

Children:

342. Marjorie Kay[7] Farrah, born May 2, 1939.

343. Shirley Jean Farrah, born November 16, 1944.

254

Lowell Vandeveer[6] Hunt (Nora[5] Vandeveer, Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 3, 1924, married Lou Eva Street.

Children:

344. Carol Fay[7] Hunt, born October 19, 1951.
345. Joseph Michael Hunt, born July 11, 1959.

255

Charles Louis[6] Roth (Ocie[5] Vandeveer, Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 24, 1924. He is married and has three children.

Children:

346. Stephen Louis[7] Roth, born August 23, 1950.
347. Linda Kay Roth, born August 24, 1953.
348. Mark Allen Roth, born August 11, 1959.

256

Earl Wayne[6] Roth (Ocie[5] Vandeveer, Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 11, 1932. He is married and has six children.

Children:

349. Earl Wayne[7] Roth, Jr., born December 1, 1951.
350. Sharon Lynn Roth, born October 18, 1952.
351. Carolyn Gail Roth, born May 17, 1954.
352. Gregory Allen Roth, born October 7, 1955.
353. Gary Norman Roth, born November 28, 1957.
354. Carl Douglas Roth, born September 30, 1958.

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James Van[6] Roth (Ocie[5] Vandeveer, Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 22, 1937. He is married and has two children.

Children:

355. Janie Lane[7] Roth, born August 8, 1957.

356. Joan Vanda Roth, born June 11, 1959.

259

Emma Jean[6] Vandeveer (Harley A.,[5] Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born January 10, 1923, married James Cox.

Children:

357. James[7] Cox, born March 2, 1945.

358. Jerry Cox, born May 23, 1947.

359. Jackie Cox, born December 15, 1951.

260

Joyce Ann[6] Vandeveer (Harley A.,[5] Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 5, 1926, married Richard Ambrose.

Children:

360. Linda[7] Ambrose, born September 21, 1950.

361. Gary Ambrose, born February 6, 1952.

261

Lois Belle[6] Vandeveer (Harley A.,[5] Louis Bennett,[4] James,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 21, 1930, married Roger Stanley.

Children:

362. Michael[7] Stanley, born November 19, 1952.

363. Teri Stanley, born April 6, 1956.

364. Van Stanley, born October 9, 1957.

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Richard Vandeveer[6] Kimball (Gladys Theodosia[5] Vandeveer, Lewis,[4] Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 3, 1919, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois, married February 1, 1947, in Chester, Pennsylvania, Patricia Ann McCormick. He entered the United States service on July 21, 1941, graduated from O.C.S. August 22, 1942, and served with the Fourth Armored Division, during World War II. In 1957, he held the rank of Major, and was assigned to the North Central Division of Army Engineers, Chicago, Illinois. His children were born in Munich, Germany.

Children:

365. Clark McCormick[7] Kimball, born July 21, 1949.

366. Stephen Patrick Kimball, born November 13, 1951.

265

William Vandeveer[6] Ryan (Nora Alma[5] Pollock, Harriet Ann[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 19, 1918, in Decatur, Illinois. He married Norma Liening of Osgood, Ohio.

Children:

367. Kenneth Michael[7] Ryan, born October 23, 1946.

368. Thomas Vandeveer Ryan, born September 12, 1948.

268

Marjorie Marie[6] Henderson (Blanche Amanda[5] Pollock, Harriet Ann[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born about 1912, married (1) Matthew Creed, and (2) Elton Boers. In 1957, she and her second husband were living in Chicago, Illinois.

Children by Matthew Creed:

+369. Carolyn Patricia[7] Creed, born about 1932, married Norman Applebee.

370. Michael Peter Creed, born in 1935, unmarried in 1957.

269

CLARA ROSE[6] VAN HOOSER (Dwight Cicero[5] Van Hooser, Susannah Caroline[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born May 14, 1915, at Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. She married August 31, 1935, in St. Sylvester's Catholic Church, Chicago, Illinois, John Schoeps, son of Ernest Schoeps and Mary his wife, died August 1953, in Chicago, and was buried from Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church. His widow, Clara Rose Van Hooser Schoeps, is employed in the Cosmopolitan National Bank, Chicago, Illinois.

Children:

371. Rosemary[7] Schoeps, born February 1, 1939, employed in 1957, in the Northern Trust Company, Chicago, Illinois.
372. Lawrence Van Hooser Schoeps, born February 11, 1942.
373. Ruth Ann Schoeps, born October 24, 1943.
374. Jacqualine Schoeps, born April 23, 1945.
375. John James Schoeps, born July 23, 1949.

270

CAROLINE MARIE[6] VAN HOOSER (Dwight Cicero[5] Van Hooser, Susannah Caroline[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born March 22, 1920, in Taylorville, Christian County, Illinois. She married on November 10, 1945, in Our Lady of Grace Catholic Church, Chicago, Illinois, Lucien Goulet, son of Philippi Goulet and his wife, Clara ..... They had five children, all born in Montpelier, Vermont.

Children:

376. Clara Rose[7] Goulet, born May 5, 1948.
377. Carol Irene Goulet, born May 17, 1949.
378. Mary Lou Goulet, born September 8, 1951.

379. Susanne Goulet, born October 16, 1952.

380. Lucien Joseph Goulet, born March 13, 1957.

272

ANNETTE[6] VANDEVEER (Orrel Louis,[5] Orrel Suggett,[4] Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born December 18, 1939, married on February 15, 1959, in Colfax, Washington, D. Whitmore.

Child:

381. Dorylanne[7] Whitmore.

274

MICHAEL VANDEVEER[6] FERRARI (Effie Eloise[5] Vandeveer, Orrel Suggett,[4] Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born October 17, 1936. He majored in college in music and now teaches music in Milford, Illinois, where he has charge of the grade and high school bands. He married on August 2, 1958, in Morrisonville, Illinois, Mary Margaret Jones, daughter of Clarence Jones and his wife, Olive Grundy. They live in Milford, Illinois.

Child:

382. Julie Ann[7] Ferrari, born April 29, 1959.

282

GEORGIA PAULINE[6] VANDEVER (Charles Speers,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born November 6, 1909, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, married on June 20, 1933, a merchant, Wilbur Rabon Beesley.

Children:

383. Charles Vandever[7] Beesley, who was born January 8, 1934, in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He was a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He is now a Doctor of Dental Science.

384. Mary Susan Beesley, born May 3, 1941, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

283

Martha Eleanor[6] Vandever (Charles Speers,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 14, 1911, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, married an attorney-at-law, Edgar Damon Hieronymus.

Child:

385. Martha Jane[7] Hieronymus, born October 10, 1941.

284

Weldon Maurice[6] Hadaway (Elva Leora[5] Vandever, William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Marie Hartman.

Children:

386. Mauime Adell[7] Hadaway.

387. Dorothy Elaine Hadaway.

388. Glen Arthur Hadaway.

287

Sara Lee[6] Vandever (Voris Vincent,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born on September 3, 1924, in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. She married on June 30, 1947, Thomas H. Trower. They have four children, all born in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Children:

389. Teresa Lee[7] Trower, born March 22, 1949.

390. Margaret Patrice Trower, born June 26, 1950.

391. Sara Lynn Trower, born October 14, 1954.

392. Suzanne Lizzette Trower, born February 28, 1959.

288

Voris Vincent[6] Vandever, Jr. (Voris Vincent,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born on January 23, 1926,

in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. He married on November 20, 1948, Mary Nell Fowler. He became secretary of the department store in Tulsa, Oklahoma, The Vandever Company, Incorporated, in 1950.

Children:

393. Victoria Ann[7] Vandever, born July 18, 1948.

394. Mary Yolanda Vandever, born July 20, 1952.

289

Patricia May[6] Vandever (Voris Vincent,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born June 26, 1928, in Tulsa, Tulsa County, Oklahoma. She married about 1947 or 1948, Balie Peyton Waggener, III.

Children:

395. Candice Vandever[7] Waggener, born November 13, 1949.

396. Leslee Vandever Waggener, born May 17, 1958.

290

Betty Lou[6] Vandever (Gary York,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 12, 1918, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, married (1) Daniel Fletcher Duden, and (2) on October 14, 1943, Huber Crockett Hughes, Jr.

Child, by Daniel Fletcher Duden:

397. Daniel Fletcher[7] Duden, Jr., who after his mother's second marriage was adopted and his name changed to Dennis Vandever Hughes.

Child, by Huber Crockett Hughes:

398. Huber Crockett Hughes, 2nd, born November 16, 1947.

399. Allene Vandever Hughes, born November 27, 1955.

291

William Gary[6] Vandever (Gary York,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born June 17, 1925, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, married March 26, 1951, Madeline Erickson, born March 13, 1929, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, daughter of John E. Erickson and his wife, Madeline Ensel.

In 1950, William Gary Vandever became treasurer of The Vandever Company, Inc., Tulsa, Oklahoma, and by 1959 was the manager of the company as president and general merchandise manager. He furnished the pertinent information regarding the children and grandchildren of his father. He lives at 3535 South Florence, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where his children were born.

Children:

400. Gary York[7] Vandever, II, born July 25, 1954.

401. William Gary Vandever, born July 6, 1956.

292

Garalene[6] Vandever (Gary York,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born October 2, 1927, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, married June 1, 1952, William Haden Haworth, Jr., and has two children, both born in Muskogee, Oklahoma.

Children:

402. William Haden[7] Haworth, 2nd, born December 12, 1956.

403. Leisha Vandever Haworth, born March 25, 1959.

293

Eleanor Marie[6] Vandever (Vern Neville,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 10, 1918, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, married (1) December 30, 1940, Beryl Leon Clark, from whom she was divorced in 1952, and married (2) July 29, 1955, Dr. Robert Lee Imler, Jr.

Children, by Beryl Leon Clark:

404. Beryl Lee[7] Clark, born June 12, 1942.

405. Carol Louise Clark, born August 6, 1945.

406. Amy Marie Clark, born March 15, 1951.

294

Lottie Louise[6] Vandever (Vern Neville,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 6, 1921, in Tulsa, Oklahoma, married July 25, 1942, William McFadden Martin.

Children:

407. William[7] Vandever Martin, born July 20, 1944.

408. Linda Louise Martin, born November 16, 1946.

409. Katherine Ann Martin, twin, born August 23, 1951.

410. Sally Suzanne Martin, twin, born August 23, 1951.

295

Elizabeth Ann[6] Vandever (Vern Neville,[5] William Cyrus,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 10, 1929, at Tulsa, Oklahoma, married on June 14, 1952, Richard Gillis Wells.

Children:

411. Richard Gillis[7] Wells, Jr., born April 23, 1953.

412. Bruce Vandever Wells, born March 15, 1956.

297

Ralph Aaron[6] Vandever (Lester Keys,[5] Aaron Keys,[4] Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Jr.[1]) married Josephine Cimbalista. In 1955 he was an attorney living in Hillsboro, Illinois.

Child:

413. Jean Keys[7] Vandever.

298

CLINTON[6] BARNETT (Ella[5] Bandy, Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married (1) Bessie Ward, and (2) Bee Masoner, by whom there were no children.

Children, by Bessie Ward:

414. Virginia Lee[7] Barnett.

415. Sarah Francis Barnett.

299

DWIGHT[6] BARNETT (Ella[5] Bandy, Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers[3], Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Maude Eagleburgher.

Child:

416. Mary Ella[7] Barnett.

301

JOHN[6] BARNETT (Ella[5] Bandy, Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Helen .....

Children:

417. George[7] Barnett.

418. Francis Barnett.

419. Newton Barnett.

420. Helen Barnett.

421. Samuel Barnett.

303

CHARLOTTE[6] BARNETT (Ella[5] Bandy, Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Earl Morehead.

Children:

422. Samuel F.[7] Morehead.

423. Betty Jean Morehead.

424. Hester Ann Morehead.

425. Jacqueline Marie Morehead.

309

RUTH[6] BANDY (Welcome S.[5] Bandy, Theodosia Ann[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Joe Frumkin.

Child:

426. Sally[7] Frumkin.

315

THYRA[6] CARRIKER (Charles Otis[5] Carriker, Laura Letitia[4] Vandever, Aaron Speers,[3] Aaron,[2] John, Sr.[1]) married Donald Lee.

Child:

427. Charles Donald[7] Lee.

319

LEROY GEORGE[6] VANDEVEER (Fred Leroy,[5] George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 3, 1902, in St. Louis, Missouri, married August 31, 1926, in Detroit, Michigan, Isabel Prime Waterworth, born March 22, 1903, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, daughter of Thomas Edward Waterworth and his wife, Florence Prime Wilkinson.

He was a student of the University of Richmond, Virginia, 1920-1922; received his LL.B., Detroit College of Law, 1925; Lecturer, Instruments in Insurance Law, Wayne State University; Chairman of the American Red Cross Fund Raising, Bloomfield Hills, Ohio, 1952; Member of the International Insurance Counsel; Member of Michigan State Bar; Chairman of the Conference Committee of Physicians and Lawyers, 1957.

His father founded the firm of which he is now the senior partner, Vandeveer, Haggerty, Doelle, Garzia, Tonkin and Kerr, Dime

Building, Detroit, Michigan. He and his wife have lived for twenty-four years at "Squirecrest," 5675 Sussex Road, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan (Box 143).

His parents celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary in June 1960 in Phoenix, Arizona.

Mrs. Leroy George Vandeveer deposited in the library of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Washington, D. C., as a member of the Louisa St. Clair Chapter, in its 1934-35 collections, the family Bible, which contains much information of the descendants of Judge George Alexander Vandeveer, grandfather of her husband.

Children:

428. Cornelia Prime[7] Vandeveer, born July 11, 1934, Detroit, Michigan, married December 21, 1957, Bloomfield Hills, Michigan, James Thompson Beresford, son of Edwin MacFarland Beresford and his wife, Jean Thompson.

429. Infant daughter, born March 22, 1939, Detroit, Michigan, died at birth.

430. Lindsay Crawford Vandeveer, daughter, born November 26, 1940, Detroit, Michigan.

320

Rudolph Ethelburt[6] Vandeveer (Fred Leroy[5], George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born June 25, 1906, in Detroit, Michigan. He married in that city on September 20, 1932, Eleanora Wilson, born 1902, of Rome, New York, daughter of Myron Ellwood Wilson. They lived, in 1956, at 414 North Washington Street, in Rome, New York, where Rudolph Ethelburt Vandeveer is a doctor of medicine, and where all their children were born.

Children:

431. Lauren John[7] Vandeveer, born on October 17, 1934, married in Rome, New York, August 2, 1958, Sheila Agnes O'Shea, of Rome, New York.

432. James Frederick Vandeveer, born January 17, 1938, married in Rome, New York, on August 8, 1959, Patricia Eilene Burt, of Rome, New York, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar A. Burt.

433. Peter Wilson Vandeveer, born May 2, 1941.

321

Vesta Ethelwyn[6] Vandeveer (Fred Leroy,[5] George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in Detroit, Michigan, December 26, 1908, married (1) August 8, 1931, John Wilson Hood, of New York, New York. They were divorced. She married (2) John David O'Sullivan, of New York, New York, in May 1936, who died in 1956, at Wilton, Connecticut. They lived in Branchville and Bridgeport, Connecticut.

Children:

434. Stephen Leroy[7] O'Sullivan, born in New York, New York, July 14, 1937.

+435. Ethelwyn Marie O'Sullivan, born in New York, New York, July 6, 1938, married Donald Edwin Lounsbury.

436. Clarel Allium O'Sullivan, born November 9, 1942, at Wilton, Connecticut.

437. Vestan John O'Sullivan, born September 30, 1945, at Wilton, Connecticut.

438. Norleen O'Sullivan, born September 1946, at Wilton, Connecticut.

322

Rosalind Marjorie[6] Vandeveer (Fred Leroy,[5] George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born July 14, 1910, Detroit, Michigan, married a first time and divorced. She married on June 9, 1928, at Bowling Green, Ohio, (2) Gordon Lyndesay Waterworth, born November 11, 1907, at Detroit, Michigan, son of Thomas E. Waterworth and his wife, Florence P. Wilkinson. He is the

brother of Isabel Prime Waterworth who married Leroy George Vandeveer. The Waterworth family originated in Yorkshire, England.

Mr. and Mrs. Waterworth have lived in Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, in Portland, Oregon, Phoenix, Arizona, and Detroit, Michigan.

Children, by Gordon Lyndesay Waterworth:

+439. Gordon Lyndesay[7] Waterworth, Jr., born September 2, 1929, at Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, married Marilyn Ann Morris.

+440. Theodore Vandeveer Waterworth, born August 8, 1930, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, married Aljean Ann Catherine Scherzinger.

441. Marjorie Jean Waterworth, born and died the same day, Highland Park Hospital, Detroit, Michigan.

326

Morris Wayne[6] Trinkle (Elizabeth McCoy[5] Finley, Minnie[4] McCoy, Elizabeth[3] Vandeveer, Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1923, in Orange County, Indiana, married ....., and had two children in 1956.

Children:

442. Morris[7] Trinkle.

443. Donna Trinkle.

327

Margaret Elizabeth[6] Trinkle (Elizabeth McCoy[5] Finley, Minnie[4] McCoy, Elizabeth[3] Vandeveer, Joel,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in 1929, married ..... Carter, and in 1956 had one child.

Child:

444. Shawn Ree[7] Carter, born in 1951.

369

Carolyn Patricia[7] Creed (Marjorie Marie[6] Henderson, Blanche Amanda[5] Pollock, Harriet Ann[4] Vandeveer, Tandy,[3] John,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born about 1932. She married Norman Applebee. They now live on a farm one-half mile east of Marseilles, La Salle County, Illinois, a village eight miles from Ottawa, Illinois.

Children:

445. Juan Jean[8] Applebee, born November 23, 1949.

446. Donald Eugene Applebee, born February 4, 1953.

447. Daniel Allen Applebee, born August 30, 1955.

448. Patricia Ann Applebee, born June 11, 1957.

435

Ethelwyn Marie[7] O'Sullivan (Vesta Ethelwyn[6] Vandeveer, Fred Leroy,[5] George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born in New York, New York, July 6, 1938, married in 1955, at Wilton, Connecticut, Donald Edwin Lounsbury, of Redding Ridge, Connecticut.

Children:

449. Kim Ann[8] Lounsbury, born June 6, 1956, at Provo, Utah.

450. Donald Edwin Lounsbury, Jr., born November 20, 1959, El Cajon, California.

439

Gordon Lyndesay[7] Waterworth, Jr. (Rosalind Marjorie[6] Vandeveer, Fred Leroy,[5] George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born September 2, 1929, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, married at Ferndale, Michigan, June 23, 1956, Marilyn Ann Morris, daughter of Franklin and Ethelyn Morris, of Ferndale, Michigan.

Child:

451. Leandra Hardy[8] Waterworth, born September 14, 1957, at Highland Park, Michigan.

440

Theodore Vandeveer[7] Waterworth (Rosalind Marjorie[6] Vandeveer, Fred Leroy,[5] George Alexander,[4] Aaron,[3] George,[2] John, Sr.[1]) was born August 8, 1930, at Pleasant Ridge, Michigan, married on January 17, 1953, in Portland, Oregon, Aljean Ann Catherine Scherzinger, daughter of John and Mary Scherzinger, of Portland, Oregon.

Children:

452. Thomas Edward[8] Waterworth, II, born December 26, 1953, Portland, Oregon.

453. John Vandeveer Waterworth, born April 14, 1955, Portland, Oregon.

454. Timothy Waterworth, born 1957, Portland, Oregon.

455. Richard Gordon Waterworth, born April 5, 1960, Portland, Oregon.

Appendices

APPENDIX I

Anson County, North Carolina, Will Book 1, Page 1 1749-1789

The following was abstracted from the will on microfilm in the North Carolina State Department of Archives and History, Raleigh, North Carolina.

Will of Thomas Smith of Anson County, N. C., bequeathed to his wife Sarah, his whole estate after debts are paid, during her widowhood; she to give the children good learning but if she marries again to deliver the estate to the children equally: Ann J., Elizabeth and Charles. The two orphan boys to have their due (boys not named).

Executors were Jonathan Hunt and Sarah his wife, 12 August 1751.

Witnesses were Robt. Hoaton, Martha Hoaton and Aaron Vandeavers.

(*Signed*) THOMAS SMITH

APPENDIX II

Land Grant of John Vandaver (Vandeervers), Surry County, North Carolina, dated 3 November 1784

The following is a copy of the original grant with the Department of State, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina.

"State of North Carolina 27 – File No. 776

"No. 774 Know Ye that We have granted unto John Vandaver one hundred acres of land in Surry County on the Waters of Forbes Creek Beginning at three dogwoods on the North side of the said Creek – Anna Baker Corner runs West along said line twenty four chains to a Spanish Oak then South twenty eight and a half chains to a Pine thence East fifty five chains to a stake in Murphrys line thence North ten chains to

a stake thence West thirty one chains to Bakers Corner Pine thence North to the Beginning to hold unto the said John Vandeervers his Heirs and Assigns forever.

"Dated the Third day of November 1784.

(*Signed*) "ALEX: MARTIN

"J. Glasgow Suretary"

APPENDIX III

Deed of John Vandever to William Spillman, Surry County, North Carolina, dated 25 July 1797

The following is an abstract made from the original deed in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina.

Book G, page 122.

A Deed, 25 July 1797, John Vandever and William Spillman, both of Surry County, North Carolina . . . for 75 pounds, 100 acres of land on Forbes Creek beginning at a dogwood on North side of creek, West on Baker's old line 24 chains to a Spanish oak, S 28½ chains to a pine and white oak, E 55 chains to a stake in Murphy's line, N 10 chains to a stake, E 31 chains to Baker's corner pine, thence N to beginning – being a tract of land granted to said John Vandever on 23 January 1783. . . .

(*Signed*) JOHN VANDEVEER (SEAL)
August 1797 term
Surry County, N. C.

Witnesses: Wm. Dowling
William Bruce

APPENDIX IV

Plat of Land Grant of George Vandevor, Surry County, North Carolina, 1 November 1793

The following is a copy of the original description of the plat with the Department of State, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina.

"No. 631 Entered 1 Novr. 1793 — By scale of 40 chains
"John Rash — (Plat) — State of N. Carolina
"Jam. Cerson — George Vandevor — Surry County

150 acres by N. 50 chains

"This Plat represents a tract of Land surveyed for George Vandevor on the Waters of Forbes Creek Beginning at a pine in Burks Line runs North on John Speers Line fifty chains to a Post Oak thence west thirty chains to a pine on Cersons Line thence South on the same fifty chains to a stake on Burks Line thence East on the same to the Beginning including one hundred and fifty acres. Survey 22d Day of Sept. 1796

(*Signed*) "H. SPEER C. Surveyor"

APPENDIX V

Land Grant of George Vandervor, Surry County, North Carolina, dated 7 June 1799

The following is a copy of the original grant with the Department of State, State of North Carolina, Raleigh, North Carolina.

"State of North Carolina File No. 1922

"Know ye that we have granted unto George Vandervor one hundred and fifty acres of land in Surry County on the waters of Forbes Creek Beginning at a pine in Burks line runs North on John Speers line fifty chains to a post oak thence West thirty Chains to a pine on Carsons line thence South on the same fifty chains to a stake on Burks line thence East on the same to the beginning To Hold to the Said George Vandervor his heirs and assigns forever dated the 7th of June 1799.

(*Signed*) "W. R. DAVIS

"Will Whik (?) Secretary"

APPENDIX VI

Deed of George Vandevor, Lincoln County, Kentucky, to John Rash, Surry County, North Carolina, dated 8 August 1799

The following is an abstract of the original deed in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina.

Book I, page 98.

A Deed, 8 August 1799, between George Vandevor of the County of Lincoln, Kentucky, and John Rash of the County of Surry, North Caro-

lina, for 29 pounds, current money, sells 75 acres of land on the waters of Forbes Creek . . . runs North 75 chains to a black oak Stephen Hobson's corner on John Speer's line thence 29 chains . . . South to a stake on Burk's old line east to the Beginning . . . part of 150 acres granted to George Vandevor by a Grant bearing the date of 7 June 1799. . . .

His
(*Signed*) George X Vandevor
Mark
Surry County Febr. term 1801
Executed by oath of
Henry Speer, Esq.
Teste Jo Williams Cl

Acknowledged in presence of
H. Speer
John Logan

APPENDIX VII

Deed of Arge Garner to Chas. Vandever, Both of Surry County, North Carolina, dated 29 March 1790

The following is an abstract of the original deed in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina.

Book E, page 118.

Arge Garner to Chas. Vandever, both of Surry County, North Carolina, a Deed for 100 pounds, 29 March 1790, on waters of Turner's Creek beginning at an oak hickory on South side of creek, Andrew Speers corner thence N. 134 chains to a post oak Benjamin Speers corner on the N. side of the said creek the southeast corner of Benjamin Speers land running W. 21½ chains to a Spanish oak in Ben Speers line thence S. 34 chains to a post or stake in Andrew Speers line. . . .

(*Signed*) Arge Garner
Surry County Term 1791
Proved by oath of Thomas Donnily
Teste Jo Williams by
Robt. Williams

Witnesses:
Wm. Colvard
Jacob Speer Senr.

APPENDIX VIII

Deed of Charles Vandever and Sarah, His Wife, of Surry County, North Carolina, to John Smith, of Rowan County, North Carolina Dated 26 August 1796

The following is an abstract of the original deed in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina.

Book F, page 353.

A Deed, Charles Vandever and Sarah his wife of Surry County, North Carolina, to John Smith of Rowan County, North Carolina, 26 August 1796, for 85 pounds 4 shillings, 73 acres of land in Surry County, North Carolina, on the waters of Turners Creek, beginning at a hickory on S. side of creek Andrew Speer's corner, N. to Benjamin Speer's corner on N. side of creek . . . (land of Andrew Speer and Benjamin Speer is mentioned a second time).

His
(*Signed*) CHARLES X VANDEVER
Mark

Her
SARAH X VANDEVER
Mark

Surry County November Term 1796
Teste Jo Williams Cl

Witnesses:
Thomas Bryan
Samuel Smith

APPENDIX IX

Deed of Charles Vandeveer to George Vandeveer, Both of Surry County, North Carolina, dated 8 December 1794

The following is an abstract of the original deed in the office of the Register of Deeds, Dobson, Surry County, North Carolina.

Book F, page 156.

A Deed, 8 December 1794, between Charles Vandeveer of Surry

County, North Carolina, and George Vandeveer of the same county, for 15 pounds, deeds land on waters of Forbes Creek beginning at hickory near creek by clift of rocks in the field, thence to the creek and from creek where the fence crosses South to Carsons east along said line to the old corner, thence north to a stake, thence West to a Spanish oak, thence South to a white oak by the orchard fence, thence to the Beginning... 120 acres of land....

(*Signed*) CHARLES VANDEVEER
Surry County, N. C., Febr. Term 1795
Teste Jo Williams Cl

Presence of:
James Morphew
Joseph Hegaman

APPENDIX X

Tax Lists of Lincoln County, Kentucky, Kentucky Historical Society, Old State House, Frankfort, Kentucky

The following of the surname of Vandeveer appear on tax lists of Lincoln County, Kentucky (County Seat, Stanford).

Name	*Date*	*Description*
	July 14, 1797	
Ashberry Vandeveer		1 male over 21
Charles Vandeveer		1 male over 21
		1 black
		1 horse
Charles Vandeveer, Jr.		1 male over 21
	1798	
Charles Vandeveer		1 male over 21
		1 black
		5 horses
Charles Vandeveer		100 acres Lincoln County, on South Fork, Green River
Charles Vandeveer		Name on tax list
Ashberry Vandeveer		Name on tax list
George Vandeveer		Name on tax list

1803

George Vandeveer.....1 male over 21
100 acres on South Fork, Green River
1 slave

Charles Vandeveer, Jr.....Name on tax list

Ashberry Vandeveer, in name of Stephen Huston.....100 acres, Carpenter's Creek

Charles Vandeveer, Sr., in name of Stephen Huston.....100 acres

August 4, 1803

John Vandeveer, Sr.....1 male over 21
1 male over 16
3 blacks

John Vandeveer, Jr.....1 male over 21
2 blacks

1804

Charles Vandeveer.....Name on tax list

Charles Vandeveer, Jr.....Name on tax list

George Vandeveer.....Name on tax list

Ashberry Vandeveer.....Name on tax list

APPENDIX XI

Tax Lists of Adair County, Kentucky Kentucky Historical Society, Old State House, Frankfort, Kentucky

The following of the surnames Vandiver (Vandiveer) and French appear on the tax lists of Adair County, Kentucky (County Seat, Columbia). Wolf Creek where their lands were located lies in what is now Russell County, Kentucky, but the lands were in Adair County, before 1826. Persons from that section sometimes went by the way of the Cumberland River to either Cumberland or Wayne counties to conduct court business, which was easier than going on an overland trip to Columbia, Adair County.

The last year the Vandivers appeared on Adair County, Kentucky, tax lists was 1807, although John Vandiver's land was in litigation until 1822.

1803

Name	*Acreage*	*Location*
James French (Name appears on tax list)		Wolf Creek
John French (Name appears on tax list)		Wolf Creek

1804

Thomas Vandiver	66 acres	Wolf Creek
John Vandiver, in name of Jas. Meek	166 acres	Wolf Creek
James French	200 acres	Wolf Creek
Hugh French	200 acres	Wolf Creek
Daniel French	200 acres	Wolf Creek
John French	200 acres	Wolf Creek

1805

Thomas Vandiver (Name appears on tax list)		
John Vandiver (Name appears on tax list)		

1806

Thomas Vandiver	66 acres	Wolf Creek
John Vandiver, Sr.	166 acres	Wolf Creek
John Vandiver	(No land)	

1807

John Vandiveer	166 acres	Wolf Creek
Thomas Vandiveer	66 acres	Wolf Creek
John Vandiveer	(No land)	
Aaron Vandiveer	(No land)	

Note: By 1810, the families of John, Aaron, Thomas, Sr., Thomas, Jr., George, John, Jr., Aaron, Sr., and Charles Vandiver were in the northern part of Kentucky, in Henry County, as shown on the census of that year, Volume 4, pages 354, 364, 363, and 392, deposited in the National Archives, Washington, D. C.

APPENDIX XII

Cause of Thomas Hughes, Complainant vs. John Vandiver and Benjamin Gibbs, Defendants, Filed March 1822, Adair Circuit Court, Adair County, Kentucky

The following is a copy of the original document in the court house, Adair County, Kentucky, at Columbia.

"Adair Circuit Court
"Thomas Hughes
vs. } In Chancery
"John Vandiver & Benjamin Gibbs, Defendants
"Decree:

"This day came the Complainant by his counsel and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that the order of publication made in this cause against the defendant Vandiver has been duly inserted two months successively in the *Commentator* an authorized newspaper of this Commonwealth before the October Term 1820, and the said Vandiver still failing to appear and answer the Complainant's bill, therefore it is ordered that the said bill be and the same is hereby as it respects said Vandiver taken as confessed.

"And thereupon this cause came on to be heard upon the bill and answer of the defendant Gibbs and exhibits filed and after hearing arguments of counsel and due deliberation had thereon it is decreed and ordered that the defendant Vandiver do on or before the 10th day of May next convey by deed with general warranty to the Complainant the tract of land in the Complainant's bill, and the patent made an exhibit therein by metes and bounds, and in the event of the defendant Vandiver failing so to do, that William Caldwell, Clerk of this Court be and he is hereby appointed a commissioner and directed and authorized to convey the tract of land described as aforesaid by the liken deed to the Complainant on behalf of said Vandiver. The complainant will recover his costs against the defendant Vandiver. Filed: March 1822."

APPENDIX XIII

Indenture between William Caldwell, Commissioner, for John Vandiver and Thomas Hughes, Adair County, Kentucky, 10 June 1822

The following is a copy of the indenture on file in the Adair County Court, State of Kentucky, at Columbia.

Deed Book E, Page 705.

"This Indenture made this 10th day of June 1822 Between William Caldwell Commissioner for and in behalf of John Vandiver of the one part and Thomas Hughes of the other part, Witnesseth that the Said Caldwell as Commissioner aforesaid in pursuance to and by Virtue of the decree of the Circuit Court for the County of Adair rendered on 14th day of March 1822 in a certain Suit in Chancery between Said Thomas Hughes Complainant and the Said John Vandiver and Benjamin Gibbs defendants doth by these presents convey and transfer unto the Said Thomas Hughes his heirs and assigns Forever all that tract of land in the Said decree mentioned containing One hundred and Sixty Six acres and bounded as follows (viz) Beginning at a White Walnut and beech thence S 49° E 90½ poles to a Sycamore and hornbeam, thence N 70° E 90½ poles, thence N 40° E 90 poles thence N 15° W 70 poles to two Sycamores and a walnut on the bank of the Creek, the Creek meanderd from the Sycamore and horn beam, thence N 40° W 40 poles to a Stake, thence west 100 poles to a Stake thence S 23 W 145 to the Beginning. To have and to hold the Said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the Said Thomas Hughes his heirs and assigns Forever to his and their only proper use benefit and behoof and the Said Caldwell in pursuance of Said decree, agrees that the Said tract of land with its appurtenances, against the Claims of all persons whatever. In Testimony whereof the Said Caldwell as Commissioner aforesaid hath hereunto Set his hand and affixed his Seal the day and year first within written.

"Wm. Caldwell" (SEAL)

"State of Kentucky, Adair County Sct

"I as deputy Clerk of the County Court for the County aforesaid do Certify that on this 8th day of July 1822 the within named William Caldwell as Commissioner for the purposes within mentioned, came before me and acknowledged the foregoing indenture of bargain Sale

and Conveyance from John Vandiver by commissioner to Thomas Hughes to be his act and deed, and the Same and this certificate are truly recorded. Witness my hand the date aforesaid.

"JAMES TRABUE D.C."

"Recorded in Deed Book No. E, p. 705."

APPENDIX XIV

Purchase of Federal Lands at Jeffersonville, Indiana, by Lovel Vandeveer

The following are copies of records of the former General Land Office, Natural Resources Division, National Archives, Washington, D. C., Record Group No. 49.

"Certificate

"No. 2527 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana November 8th 1831

"It is Hereby Certified, That, in pursuance of law, LOVEL VANDEVEER of ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, on this day, purchased of the Register of this Office, at Jeffersonville, the lot of WEST HALF OF THE NORTH EAST QUARTER of Section Number 30 of Township Number ONE NORTH in Range Number TWO EAST, containing EIGHTY acres and hdts., at the rate of $1.25 per acre, amounting to $100, for which the said LOVEL VANDEVEER has made payment in full, as required by law.

"Now, therefore, BE IT KNOWN, That, on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said LOVEL VANDEVEER shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described.

(*Signed*) "WM. LEWIS Register"

"Certificate

"No. 2527 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana Novr 8th 1831

"I, LOVEL VANDEVEER do hereby apply for the purchase of the WEST ½ NE ¼ section No. 30 TOWNSHIP No. 1N range No. 2E containing 80 acres, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the Register to give at the rate of $1.25 per acres.

(*Signed*) "JOHN VANDEVEER for LOVEL VANDEVEER"

"I, WM. LEWIS Register of the Land Office, do hereby certify, that the lot above described, contains 80 acres as mentioned, and that the price agreed upon is $1.25 per acre.

(*Signed*) "WM. LEVITSON for WM. LEWIS Register"

APPENDIX XV

"Certificate

"No. 63117 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana March 13th 1837

"It is Hereby CERTIFIED, That, in pursuance of law LOVEL VANDEVEER of ORANGE COUNTY, INDIANA, on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, at Jeffersonville, the Lot or SOUTH WEST QUARTER OF THE NORTH WEST quarter of section number TWENTY NINE of Township number ONE NORTH in Range number TWO EAST, containing FORTY acres and ..... hundredths at the rate of $1.25 per Acre, amounting to $50 for which the said LOVEL VANDEVEER has made payment in full, as required by law.

"Now, therefore, Be it Known, That, on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said LOVEL VANDEVEER shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the above described Lot.

(*Signed*) "WM. LEWIS Register"

"Certificate

"No. 63117 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana March 13th 1837

"I, LOVEL VANDEVEER of ORANGE county, Inda., do hereby apply for the purchase of the SW¼ of the NW¼ of Section No. 29 in Twp. No. 1N Range No. 2 East, containing 40 acres, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the Register to give at the rate of $1.25 an acre.

(*Signed*) "LOVEL VANDEVEER"

"I, WM. LEWIS Register of the Land Office, do hereby certify, that the Lot above described contains 40 acres, as mentioned, and that the price agreed upon is $1.25 an acre.

(*Signed*) "F. R. LEWIS, JR., for WM. LEWIS Register"

"I do Solemnly Swear, That the Land above described, is intended to be entered for my personal benefit, and not in trust for another; and that the same is intended for the purpose of cultivation and that I have not entered, under the Act of 5th April, 1832, or under the Act of the 2d March, 1833, at this or any other Land Office in the United States, any Land in quarter Quarter Sections, in my name, or in the name of any other persons, except one qr. qr.

(*Signed*) "LOVEL VANDEVEER"

"Subscribed and sworn to before me Felix R. Lewis, N.P., Clark County, Indiana, 13th March 1837.

(*Signed*) "FELIX R. LEWIS, N.P."

APPENDIX XVI

Orange County, Indiana, Deed Index, by Grantees and Grantors, January 1817 to September 1862

GRANTORS

From Joel Vandeveer to Abraham Noblitt, Sept. 6, 1830, E½ SW Sec. 26 (35 pencilled above) T1N, R1E, 80 acres. Bk. D, p. 175.

From Joel Vandever to Robert Hallowell, Feb. 24, 1831, Pt. NW Sec. 24, T1N, R1E, 100 acres. Bk. D, p. 195.

From Aaron Vandever to John G. Clendenin, Apr. 1, 1830, Lot 20 in Paoli, Indiana. Bk. D, p. 223.

From Joel Vandever to Robert Montgomery, Dec. 7, 1832, Pt. E½ SE Sec. 24, T1N, R1E. Bk. E, p. 5.

From George Vandever to Joel Vandever, June 1, 1835, Pt. SW Sec. 29, T1N, R2E. Bk. E, p. 323.

From Joel Vandever to John Carlile, Oct. 26, 1834, Pt. E½ NE½ Sec. 25, T1N, R1E. Bk. E, p. 550.

From Joel Vandever to Stephen Brown, Nov. 14, 1836, Pt. SW Sec. 29, T1N, R2E. Bk. F, p. 146.

From Thomas Vandever to Elijah McGee, Mar. 1, 1837, Pt. SW Sec. 32, T3N, R1W. Bk. F, p. 163.

From James Vandever to Aaron Harden, Feb. 22, 1838, NE & SE Sec. 30, T1N, R2E, 40 acres. Bk. F, p. 524.

From Joel Vandever to Salomon Robins, Jan. 1, 1839, SE and SE Sec. 30, T1N, R2W. Bk. G, p. 75.

From Joel Vandever to Robert Paschal, Feb. 5, 1840, Pt. SE Sec. 34, T1N, R1E, 3 acres. Bk. G, p. 379.

From James Vandever to Joseph Weeks, Feb. 23, 1841, ½ NW Sec. 27, T1N, R1W, 80 acres. Bk. H, p. 140.

From Thomas Vandever to Benjamin Knox, Dec. 10, 1842, NE Sec. 17, T2N, R2E, 160 acres. Bk. I, p. 316.

From James Vandever to John Sullinger (Mortgage), Sept. 12, 1843, S½ SE Sec. 31, T1N, R2E, 80 acres. Bk. I, p. 514.

From William M. Vandever to Simon A. Cornwell, July 8, 1845, ¼ of the undivided SW, SW & SE, N½ SE Sec. 12, T1N, R1E, 70 acres. Bk. J, p. 411.

From Perry Vandeveer to Louis Vandeveer, Aug. 11, 1845, NW-NW Sec. 36, T1N, R1E, 40 acres. Bk. J, p. 461.

From Joel Vandever to William M. Vandever, Nov. 17, 1844, N½ NW Sec. 29, T1N, R2E, 80 acres. Bk. J, p. 504.

From Joel Vandever to George W. Vandever, Nov. 6, 1841, SE-SW Sec. 20, T1N, R2E, 40 acres. Bk. J, p. 505.

From Joel Vandever to James H. Vandever, Nov. 25, 1845, Pt. SE Sec. 24, T1N, T1E, 60 acres. Bk. J, p. 507.

From George W. Vandever to Joel Vandever, June 16, 1851, N½-W½, NE & W½ NE SE Sec. 25, T1N, R1E. Bk. 14, p. 191.

From George W. Vandever to William M. Vandever, June 16, 1851, S-SW Sec. 20, T1N, R2E. Bk. 14, p. 192.

From James Vandever to Joseph H. Radcliff, Jan. 8, 1851, S-SE Sec. 31, T1N, R2E, 80 acres. Bk. 14, p. 545.

From Perry Vandever to Henry Stewart, Oct. 10, 1855, SW-NE, NE-NE Sec. 22, T1S, R2W. Bk. 17, p. 72.

From Bennett Vandever to Perry Vandever, Nov. 16, 1855, Pt. SW Sec. 29, T1N, R2E. Bk. 17, p. 163.

From William M. Vandever to Wilson Chenowoth, Aug. 19, 1856. N-NW 29 S-SW Sec. 20, T1N, R2E. Bk. 17, p. 361.

From William M. Vandever to Simon A. Cornwell, Sept. 22, 1856, Pt. NE Sec. 32, T1N, R2E. Bk. 17, p. 447.

From James H. Vandever to Jos. Danner, Oct. 26, 1856, S-NE SE-SW Pt. SE Sec. 24, T1N, R1E. Bk. 18, p. 37.

From William M. Vandever to Jefferson King, Sept. 25, 1857. Bk. 18, p. 175.

From Joel Vandever to Alex Wallace, Nov. 2, 1857, W-NE 30 In 2E and SE 24, E-NE, N-N-NE Pt. W-NE-SE Sec. 25, T1N, R1E. Bk. 18, p. 220.

From Mary F. Vandever to John and Charles Ellis, Apr. 13, 1857, NE-30 SW-NW-29, SE-SE Sec. 19, T1N, R2E. Bk. 18, p. 278.

From Joel Vandever to Alexander Wallace, Aug. 6, 1860, W½ NW30 1N 2E, also E½ NE and N½W½ NE and W½ NE-SE and Pt. SE Sec. 25, T1N, R1E, Bk. 19, p. 405.

From George W. Vandever to M. and Thos. Clements, Oct. 1, 1860, E-SE W-SE, SW-NW, SE-NW Sec. 25, T1N, R1E. Bk. 20, p. 26.

From Bennett Vandever to John M. Hunt, Nov. 11, 1862, Pt. SE Sec. 30, T1N, R2E. Bk. 21, p. 27.

The following lists were copied from microfilm records in the Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, Indiana. The list of deeds by grantees ran

through Joel Vandever from James Dilliner only. Apparently the balance was not microfilmed. However, the index by grantors is complete. No names were extracted from the index after September 1862. The name has been copied as Vandever but the spelling Vandeveer may have been used as well.

GRANTEES

To John Vandever from John Vandever, Jan. 29, 1821, Pt. of SW¼ Sec. 29, Twp. 1N, Range 2E, 50 acres. Bk. A, p. 330.

To Thomas Vandever from John Kenley, June 3, 1830, Pt. SE, Sec. 31, T3N, R1W, 60 acres. Bk. B, p. 282.

To Thomas Vandever from Isaac Webster, Aug. 16, 1826, Pt. SE Sec. 31, Twp. 3N, R1W, 40 acres. Bk. B, p. 300.

To Joel Vandever from David Alspaugh, by Admr., Aug. 16, 1826, Pt. SW Sec. 26, R1N, R1E, 80 acres. Bk. B, p. 302.

To Joel Vandever from Richard Weathers, Jan. 27, 1827, Pt. SW and E½ Sec. 26, T1N, R1E. Bk. C, p. 9.

To Aaron Vandever from Salomon Bryant (tax deed), Feb. 25, 1828. Lot 20 in Paoli, Indiana. Bk. C, p. 317.

To Thomas Vandever from Zelac Fisher, May 29, 1829, Pt. SW Sec. 32, T3N, R1W. Bk. C, p. 345.

To Joel Vandever from John Grisham, Apr. 14, 1830, Pt. NW Sec. 24, T1N, R1E, 100 acres. Bk. D, p. 60.

To Joel Vandever from John Moore, Feb. 19, 1831, W½ NW Sec. 30, T1N, R2E, 80 acres. Bk. D, p. 143.

To Joel Vandever from George Vandever, June 1, 1835, Pt. SW Sec. 29, T1N, R2E. Bk. E, p. 323.

To Joel Vandever from John Hallowell, May 12, 1838, Lots 22, 27, 28, 37 and 38, in Valeene, Indiana. Bk. F, p. 421.

To Joel Vandever from James M. Archer, July 3, 1838, Pt. NE Sec. 17, T2N, R2E. Bk. F, p. 428.

To Thomas Vandever from Jesse Elgin, Mar. 3, 1838, Pt. NE Sec. 17, T2N, R2E. Bk. F, p. 429.

To Joel Vandever from James Dilliner, Sept. 21, 1838, NE and NW Sec. 29, T1N, R2E, 40 acres. Bk. F, p. 525.

(Here names of the letter V cease and names of the letter W begin.)

GRANTORS

From Thomas Vandever to Thomas Coffin (apprentice deed), Feb. 22, 1819, Bk. A, p. 194.

From John Vandeveer, Jr., to John Vandeveer, Sr., Jan. 29, 1821, Pt. of SW¼ Sec. 29. T1N, R2E, 50 acres. Bk. A, p. 330.

From Thomas Vandever to John McLin, May 27, 1826, S½ NE Sec. 18, T2N, R1E, 80 acres. Bk. B, p. 275.

From Thomas Vandever to Henry H. Webb, Aug. 5, 1826, Pt. N½ Sec. 18, T2N, R1E, 79 acres. Bk. B, p. 315.

From Joel Vandever to Stephen Stallings, Dec. 27, 1827, E½ NW Sec. 35, T1N, R1E, 80 acres. Bk. C, p. 266.

APPENDIX XVII

Orange County, Indiana, Deeds and Wills in the Name Vandever Recorded After 1860

Mr. John L. Maris, Recorder of Orange County, Paoli, Indiana, in 1956, furnished the following information:

GRANTORS

From Bennett Vandever to John M. Hunt, Nov. 11, 1862, Pt. SE Sec. 30, T1N, R2E. Bk. 21, p. 27.

From John Vandever to Nathaniel S. Mattox (W.D.), 26 Dec. 1863, E-SW¼ Sec. 29, T1S, R2E. Bk. 23, p. 91.

From William M. Vandever to Wm. Doane (W.D.), 14 Jan. 1864.

From Perry Vandiver to Martin Kincade (W.D.), 19 Jan. 1870.

GRANTEES

There is no record of Vandevers buying any property in Orange County, Indiana, between 1860 to 1880.

WILLS

There are no wills recorded in the Clerk's office for the Vandevers up to 1880.

APPENDIX XVIII

Deed of George Vandeveer and Jane Eliza, His Wife, of Sangamon County, Illinois, to Joel Vandeveer, of Orange County, Indiana, dated 1 June 1835

The following is a copy of the original deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Paoli, Indiana.

Book E, Page 323.

"This indenture made and entered into this first day of June in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight hundred Thirty five between George Vandeveer & Jane Eliza his wife of the county of Sangamon and State of Illinois of the one part and Joel Vandeveer of the county of Orange and State of Indiana of the other part witnesseth That the said George Vandeveer and Jane Eliza his wife for and in consideration of fifty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Joel Vandeveer his heirs and assigns a certain tract or parcel of land lying in the county of Orange and State of Indiana being the west end of the southwest quarter of section No. 29 twenty nine in Township No. one North of Range No. two East of the second principal meridian of the district of the lands directed to be sold at Jeffersonville beginning at the South West corner of Section twenty nine run East fifty poles to a stake thence north one hundred and sixty poles to a stake thence west fifty poles to a stake thence south one hundred and sixty poles to the beginning containing fifty acres more or less together with all and singular its rights issues and profits unto the said Joel Vandeveer his heirs and assigns forever and the said George Vandeveer and Jane Eliza his wife do for themselves their heirs & warrant & forever defend the said tract of land unto the said Joel Vandeveer him his heirs & against the claim or claims of all and every person or persons claiming by through or under them and after the decease of Amelia Vandeveer the widow a relict of John Vandeveer deceased do warrant and forever defend the said tract of land unto the said Joel Vandeveer him his heirs and assigns against the legal claims of all and every person or persons whatever in Testimony whereof the said George Vandeveer and Jane Eliza his wife hath hereunto set their hand and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

"George Vandeveer (SEAL

Her

"Jane Eliza X Vandeveer (SEAL)

Mark

"In presence of
C. R. Matheny"

"State of Illinois, Sangamon County, SS

"I Charles R. Matheny Clerk of the county commissioners court of Sangamon County do certify that on this 21st day of July 1835 the

within grantors George Vandeveer and Jane Eliza his wife they personally known to me to be the real persons making the within conveyance and signed and acknowledged the same for the purposes therein expressed the said Jane Eliza being examined a part from her husband and acknowledged that she signed the same voluntarily without any threats or coercion from her said husband given under my hand and seal of office at Springfield the day and date above.

(*Signed*) "C. R. MATHENY C.R."

"State of Illinois, Sangamon County, SS

"I Thomas Mosseth presiding justice of the county commissioners court said county do hereby certify that Charles R. Matheny is clerk of said court duly appointed and qualified as appears on record and that as such full faith & credit are due to his official acts.

"Given under my hand and seal this 21st day of July A. D. 1835 (L G)

(*Signed*) "THOMAS MOSSETH P J C C C L C"

"Filed 17 Sept. 1835.

"Recorded 15 March 1836. "J. HAZLEWOOD R O C"

APPENDIX XIX

Marriage Bond of John Vandever and Susannah French

The following is a copy of the original marriage bond of John Vandever and Susannah French, Adair County, Kentucky, Court House, Columbia, Kentucky.

"Marriage Bond December 3d 1804

"Know all men by these presents that we John Vandever and James French are held and firmly bound unto his Excellency Christ° Greenup esq Governor of Kentucky and his Successors in the penal sum of Fifty Pounds the Payment of which will and truly to be made we bind ourselves and heirs Exors and Admins jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 3rd day of December 1804.

"The condition is such that if there should be no legal cause to Obstruct a marriage shortly intended to be Solemnized between the said John Vandever and Susannah French daughter to James French.

"Then This Obligation to be void else to remain in full force.

(*Signed*) "JOHN VANDEVER (SEAL)

"JAMES FRENCH (SEAL)

"Attest: Shw[d] Atkinson

"Wm. Caldwell"

APPENDIX XX

Abstracts of Marriage and Deed Records, Adair County, Kentucky, Court House, Columbia, Kentucky

The following were furnished by H. B. Taylor, Clerk, by Betty L. Burton, Deputy Clerk, Adair County Court, Columbia, Kentucky.

MARRIAGE BONDS

John Vandever and Susanah French, daughter of James French, Dec. 3, 1804.

Wm. Holt and Elizabeth French, daughter of James French, Sept. 19, 1803. Hugh French and Richard French stated that she was their sister.

MARRIAGE BOOK 1, PAGE 4

John Vandever and Susanah French, by Henry Winfrey, Dec. 27, 1804.

DEED BOOK E, PAGE 227

Adair County, Kentucky, August 25, 1818.

James French and Barbary French, his wife, of Orange County, Indiana, to Hugh French, of Adair County, Kentucky, for $1,250, land in Adair County, Kentucky, on Wolf Creek.

(*Signed*) JAMES FRENCH
BARBARY FRENCH

Witnesses: John French
Elizabeth French
George Brummitt

Proven on January 26, 1819, by the oaths of John French and Elizabeth French.

APPENDIX XXI

Purchase of Federal Lands at Jeffersonville, Indiana, by John Vandever, Jr.

The following is a copy of a record of the former General Land Office, Natural Resources Division, Record Group No. 49, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

"Certificate

"No. 2907 June 3d 1819 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana

"It is hereby Certified, that in pursuance of law John Vandever Jr of Henry County, Kentucky on the Seventh day of September 1814 purchased of the Register of the Land Office at Jeffersonville, the Lot or South East quarter of Section No. Twenty Eight in Township No. One North of Range No. Two East of the Jeffersonville district, containing One Hundred and Twenty acres, at the rate of Two dollars per acre, for which Quarter Section the said John Vandever has made full payment, His account therefor being finally settled and closed in the books of this office, as will appear by the following statement thereof, viz.

"Debit			*Credit*		
"1814 Sept. 7	Amt. of the purchase money q. sd. Sect.	$320.00	1814 Sept. 7	By Cash	$ 80.00
"1819 June 1	To interest	68.16	1819 June 1	By Ditto	308.16
		$388.16			$388.16

"Now therefore be it known, that on the presentation of this certificate to the Secretary of the Treasury Richard Hall a/c of John Vandever shall be entitled to receive a patent for the Lot or Section above described.

(*Signed*) "SAML. GWATHMEY Register of the Land Office"

APPENDIX XXII

Receipt of John Vandeveer, Jr., for Purchase of Federal Lands at Jeffersonville, Indiana, June 1, 1819

The following is an extract from Jeffersonville, Indiana, Credit Volume, 1818-1821, of the former General Land Office, Natural Resources Division, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

Page for Receipts for June 1 to 7, 1819, containing Receipts numbered 996 to 1032.

June 1, 1819.
Receipt No. 1002.
John Vandeveer, Jr., of Henry County, Kentucky $308.16
Amt. received Prior to December 1, 1816
Sec. SE 28, Twp. 1N, Range 2E, comprising 160 acres

APPENDIX XXIII

Deed of John Vandeveer, Jr., to John Vandeveer, Sr., Both of Orange County, Indiana, dated 29 January 1821

The following is a copy of the original deed in the office of the recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Deed Book A, Page 330.

"This Indenture made this Twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty one Between John Vandeveer Junr. and Susana his wife of the county of Orange & State of Indiana of the one part & John Vandeveer Senr. of the County & State aforesaid of the other part witnesseth That the said John Vandeveer Junr. & Susana his wife for and in consideration of fifty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath bargained & sold & by these presents doth grant bargain & sell unto the said John Vandeveer Senr. for the Term of and during the natural life of the Said John Vandeveer Senr. & the life of his wife Amelia Vandeveer a certain Tract or Parcel of Land lying in the county and State aforesaid and being the West end of the Southwest or of Section No. Twenty Nine in Township No. One North of the base line of Range No. two East of the second principle Meridian of Land directed to be sold at Jeffersonville, Beginning at the Southwest corner of said sections runs East fifty poles to a stake thence north one hundred & sixty poles to a stake thence west fifty poles to a stake thence south one hundred & sixty poles (to) the beginning, containing fifty acres with all and singular its rents and issues and profits and all things appertaining thereunto or in anywise belonging to the said John Vandeveer Senr. and during the term before mentioned and further this Indenture sheweth that the said John Vandeveer Junr. & Susanna his wife for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth grant Bargain and sell the above described tract or parcel of Land unto George Vandever of the county and State aforesaid and doth Covenant and agree with the said George Vandeveer that after the death of the said John Vandeveer Senr. and his wife Amelia that it shall and may be Lawful for the said George Vandeveer his heirs or assigns to enter upon said premises possess the same forever, with all and singular its hereditaments improvements and all things appertaining thereunto or in anywise

belonging to said premises and the said John Vandeveer Junr. and his wife Susanna doth warrant and forever defend the above tract of land unto the said George Vandeveer his heirs and assigns for ever against the legal claim or claims of all and every person or persons whatever in testimony whereof the said John Vandeveer Junr. & Susanna his wife hath hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

"JOHN VANDEVEER (SEAL)
"SUSANNA VANDEVEER" (SEAL)

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Before me the undersigned a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforementioned personally came the within John Vandeveer Junr. and Susanna Vandeveer his wife the parties grantors and severally acknowledged the within deed of conveyance to be their several Voluntary act and deed for the purposes therein named. Given under my hand and seal this 8 day of March 1821.

"THOMAS COPELIN JPOC" (SEAL)

"Recorded April 24 A. D. 1821.

"M. O. MCVEY
"Recorder Orange County"

APPENDIX XXIV

Deed of John Vandeveer to Nathaniel S. Mattox, Orange County, Indiana, 26 December 1863

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book 23, Page 91.

"John Vandeveer of Orange County, Indiana, Conveys and Warrants unto Nathaniel S. Mattox of Washington County, State aforesaid the following Real Estate, to wit:

"The East side of the South West Quarter of Section Twenty Nine in Township one south of Range two east situated in the County of Orange and State of Indiana of the lands subject to sale at Jeffersonville containing 110 acres, one hundred and ten acres, for the sum of one thousand dollars (1,000 dollars) December 26, 1863.

His
(*Signed*) "JOHN X VANDEVEER" (SEAL)
Mark

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Before me James H. Walker a Justice of the Peace of said County Personally appeared John Vandeveer on the 26 day of December 1863 and acknowledged the execution of the annexed deed.

"Witness my hand and Seal the day and year last aforesaid.

(*Signed*) "JAMES H. WALKER J. P." (SEAL)

"Received for record November 28th 1865 at 1 o'clock P.M., and Recorded November 28th 1865 at 2 o'clock P.M. I certify that the deed of which the above is a true copy was duly stamped as provided by Act of Congress.

(*Signed*) "J. F. PITTMAN
"Recorder of Orange County"

APPENDIX XXV

Deed of James French to Henry Stalcup, both of Orange County, Indiana, 20 February 1821

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book A, Page 339.

"THIS INDENTURE made this twentieth day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one between James French senior and Barbary his wife of the state of Indiana and county of Orange of the one part and Henry Stalcup of the county and state aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth, that the said James French and Barbary his wife aforesaid hath by these presents doth for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to them in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth give grant bargain and sell alean and confirm unto the aforesaid Henry Stalcup a piece of land lying and being on the waters of Blue River and in the county and state aforesaid, it being a part on the south side of the north east quarter of section seven in township one south of range two east, containing one hundred and twenty acres together with all road ways waters mines minerals hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to hold to the said Henry Stalcup to him his heirs and assigns all and singular the above described premises and the said James French and Barbary his wife for themselves their heirs and assigns warrant and forever defend

against the lawful claims of any person or persons whatsoever in Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

"James French (SEAL)
Her
"Barbary X French (SEAL)
Mark

"Signed sealed and delivered in the
"presence of us
"Tanday French
"Joseph Holt"

"Acknowledgement.

"State of Indiana, Orange County, this day came James French and Barbary his wife before me Henry Hollowell a Justice of the Peace for the county and state aforesaid and being separately examined and doth acknowledge the above conveyance to be their free act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 1 day of March 1821.

"Henry Hollowell J.P." (SEAL)

"Recorded May 29th A. D. 1821.

"Jno. McVey Recorder, Orange County"

APPENDIX XXVI

Deed of James French, of Orange County, Indiana, and Arthur Whitehead, of Crawford County, Indiana, 9 August 1821

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book A, Page 390.

"This indenture made this ninth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty one between James French Senior and Barbara his wife of the state of Indiana and county of Orange of the one part and Arthur Whitehead of the county of Crawford and State aforesaid of the other part, Witnesseth that the said James French senior and Barbara his wife aforesaid, hath by these presents doth for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars to them in hand

paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged doth grant bargain and sell allien and confirm unto the aforesaid Arthur Whitehead a piece of land lying and being on the waters of Blue River and in the county and state aforesaid it being a part of the north east quarter of section seven in township one south of range two east containing forty acres on the north side of the aforesaid quarter section both ends to be of one width together with all woods ways waters mines minerals herediterments and appurtenances thereunto belonging to have and to hold to the said Arthur Whitehead to him his heirs and assigns all and singular the above described premises and the said James French senior and Barbara his wife for themselves their heirs and assigns warrant and forever defend against the lawful claim of any person or persons whatsoever, in Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the day and year above written.

"James French (SEAL)
Her
"Barbara X French (SEAL)
Mark

"Signed sealed and delivered
"in the presence of
"Hudson Brackney
"James Hunt"

"State of Indiana, Orange County
SS
"Acknowledgement

"This day came James French and Barbara his wife before me Henry Hollowell a Justice of the Peace for the county aforesaid being separately examined and doth acknowledge the above conveyance to be their free act and deed in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of August 1821.

"Henry Hollowell J.P." (SEAL)

"Recorded March 13th A. D. 1822.

"Jno. McVey R.O.C."

APPENDIX XXVII

Purchase of Federal Lands at Jeffersonville, Indiana, by Joel Vandeveer

The following are copies of records of the former General Land Office, Natural Resources Division, Record Group No. 49, National Archives, Washington, D. C

"Certificate

"No. 13795 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana May 17, 1837

"It is hereby Certified, That, in pursuance of law Joel Vandeveer County of Orange, Indiana, on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, at Jeffersonville, the Lot or North West Quarter of the North West Quarter of Section number Twenty Nine of Township number One North in Range number Two East, containing forty Acres at the rate of $1.25 an Acre, amounting to $50 for which the said Joel Vandeveer has made payment in full, as required by law.

"Now, therefore, Be it Known, That, on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Joel Vandeveer shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the above described Lot.

(*Signed*) "Wm. Lewis Register"

"Certificate

"No. 13795 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana May 17, 1837

"I, Joel Vandeveer of Orange County, Indiana do hereby apply for the purchase of the NW¼ of the NW¼ of Section 29 in Twp. No. 1N Range No. 2 East, containing 40 acres, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the Register to give at the rate of $1.25 an Acre.

(*Signed*) "Joel Vandeveer"

"I, Wm. Lewis Register of the Land office, do hereby certify, that the Lot above described contains 40 acres, as mentioned, and that the price agreed upon is $1.25 an acre.

(*Signed*) "F. R. Lewis
"for Wm. Lewis Register"

APPENDIX XXVIII

Deed of Joel Vandever to George W. Vandever, Orange County, Indiana, 26 November 1841

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book J, Page 505.

"This Indenture made and entered into this the twenty-sixth day of November in the Year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and forty one by and between Joel Vandever and Rachel Vandever his wife of the County of Orange and State of Indiana of the first part and George W. Vandever of the State and County above mentioned of the second part Witnesseth: That the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Sixty dollars to them in hand paid by the party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the part of the first part hath granted, bargained and sold unto the party of the second part a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Orange and State of Indiana known and designated as follows, being South East fourth of the south west quarter of section twenty in Township one north of range two East in the district of lands subject to sale at Jeffersonville, Indiana, Containing forty acres with all and singular its benefits and privileges to him the said Geo. W. Vandever and his heirs and assigns forever and we the party of the first part doth for ourselves our heirs and assigns well and truly warrant and defend the title to said premises to the party of the second part against the claims or claims of ourselves our heirs and other persons in testimony whereof and have hereunto set names as Witness our hands and seals this day and date above written.

"Joel Vandever (SEAL)
Her
"Rachel X Vandever (SEAL
Mark

"Signed, Sealed, and delivered in presence of us
"John W. Shore
"William Shore"

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Set before me, J. W. Shore an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County personally appeared the within named Joel Vandever and

Rachel his wife and acknowledged the within instrument to be their voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, the wife being examined separate and apart from her said husband given under my hand and seal this 26th day of November, 1841.

"John W. Shore J.P." (SEAL)

"Filed for Record November 26th 1841 11 o'clock A.M., recorded November 28th 1841.

"Josiah Hazlewood, R. O. C."

APPENDIX XXIX

Deed of Joel Vandeveer to James Hamilton Vandeveer, Both of Orange County, Indiana, 25 November 1845

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book J, Pages 507, 508.

"This Indenture made and executed this the twenty fifth day of November in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five by and betwixt Joel Vandeveer of the County of Orange and State of Indiana of the first part and James Hamilton Vandeveer of the County and State aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of fifty dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the part of the first part hath bargained and sold unto the party of the second part a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Orange and State of Indiana Known and described as follows (viz) Sixty six acres of land in the west side of the south East quarter of section twenty four bounded as follows Commencing at the north west corner of said quarter in Township one North Range One East at a Rock the corner between Richard Beeson and Joel Vandeveer Running thence South on the line between Joel Vandeveer and Martin Ellis to the New Albany and Vincens Turnpike Road to the south side of said Road thence East along said Road to a sassafras stake between two sink holes as witness as nine or ten rods from the line between said Vandeveer and Ellis be the same more or less thence south to the section line so as to leave three acres in the south west corner from the turnpike road to the corner of said quarter which I have sold to Robert Paschall thence East sixty nine poles from the south west corner of said quarter to a stake along the section line

thence North one hundred and sixty poles to the line between Joel Vandeveer and Richard Beeson thence west to the place of beginning and for and in consideration of the sum aforesaid the party of the first part doth by these presents give grant Bargain and hath sold unto the party of the second part the above described premises to him his heirs and assigns forever all and singular its privileges Benefits and interests to his or their own proper use whereof the party of the first part for himself his heirs and executors and administrators doth well and truly Warrant and defend the title to said premises to the party of the second part against the claim or claims of themselves and all other persons claiming by or through them in testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this date above written.

"Joel Vandeveer (SEAL)

"Signed sealed and delivered in presents of us

"Simon A. Cornwell

"Elizabeth Cornwell

"Insert line: with these words after the words sixty six poles from the south west corner of said quarter section East to a stake.

"Joel Vandeveer" (SEAL)

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Before me Josiah Hazlewood, Recorder of said County personally appeared the within named Joel Vandeveer and acknowledged the within instrument to be his own voluntary act and deed for the use and purposes therein mentioned given under my hand and seal November 26th 1845.

"Filed for Record November 28th 1845 12 o'clock N.

"Josiah Hazlewood ROC" (SEAL)

"Recorded December 8th 1845.

"Josiah Hazlewood ROC"

APPENDIX XXX

Deed of George W. Vandever to Joel Vandever, Orange County, Indiana, 16 June 1851

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book 14, Page 191.

"Know all men by these presents that I George W. Vandever of the County of Orange and State of Indiana in consideration of the sum of

one hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Joel Vandever the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged do hereby grant bargain sell and Convey to Joel Vandever his heirs and assigns for ever the north half of the west half of the north East quarter in Section 25, twenty-five in Township No. 1, one north Range one East. Also the west half of the north East fourth of the South East quarter same section Township and Range, Containing in all sixty acres of land and all the Estate, title and interest of the said George W. Vandever. Either in love or Equity of in and to said premises together with all the privileges and appurtenances to the same belonging to have and to hold the same to the only proper use of the said Joel Vandever his heirs and assigns and that said George W. Vandever is the true and lawful owner of the said premises and has full power to convey the same and that the title so conveyed is clear free and unimcumbered and farther that I will well and truly warrant and defend the same against all claims or claims of all persons Whatsoever in Witness whereof the said George W. Vandever together with Nancy Vandever his wife, who hereby releases her right and expectancy of dower in the said premises has hereunto set our hands and seals on this the sixteenth day of June one thousand Eight hundred and fifty one.

"Geo. W. Vandever (SEAL)

Her

"Nancy X Vandever (SEAL)

Mark

"Signed Sealed and delivered in the presents of us
"Witness: John W. Shore
"Margaret Martin"

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Personally appeared on this sixteenth day of June one Thousand Eight hundred and fifty one before me the undersigned John W. Shore one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County and State aforesaid George W. Vandever and Nancy his wife, who severally acknowledged the within written conveyance to be their act and deed and the said Nancy Vandever being examined by me separate and apart from and without the hearings of her husband and having the contents by me fully made known to her she declared that she executed the same of her own free will and accord and without any coercion or compulsion from her said husband given under my hand and seal this the 10th day of June 1851.

"John W. Shore J.P." (SEAL)

"Filed for record June 27th 1851, 10:00 A.M.
"Recorded June 28th 1851."

APPENDIX XXXI

Purchase of Federal Lands at Jeffersonville, Indiana, by James Vandeveer

The following are copies of records of the former General Land Office, Natural Resources Division, Record Group No. 49, National Archives, Washington, D. C.

"Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana, January 25th 1834

"I, James Vandeveer of Orange Co., Ind., do hereby apply for the purchase of NE¼ of the SE¼ section No. 30, Township No. 1N, Range No. 2E, containing 40 acres, according to the returns of the Surveyor General, for which I have agreed with the Register to give at the rate of $1.25 per acre.

(*Signed*) "JAMES VANDEVEER"

"I, Wm. Lewis, Register of the Land Office, do hereby certify, that the lot above described, contains 40 acres as mentioned, and that the price agreed upon is $1 25/100 per acre.

(*Signed*) "F. R. LEWIS for
"Wm. Lewis Register"

(Hand written)

"I do Solemnly Swear that the land above described is intended to be entered for my personal benefit and not in trust for another and that the same is intended for the purpose of cultivation and that I have not entered under the Act of the 5th of April 1832 or under the Act of the 2nd March 1833 any land in quarter quarter (sic) Sections at this or any other land office in the United States in my name, or in the name of any other person.

(*Signed*) "JAMES VANDEVEER"

"Sworn and Subscribed to before me a Justice of the Peace in and for Clark County of Indiana this 2d day of January 1834.

(*Signed*) "THOS. WILSON J.P."

"Certificate

"No. 5383 Land Office at Jeffersonville, Indiana January 25th 1834

"It is hereby Certified, That, in pursuance of law, James Vandeveer of

Orange County, Indiana, on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, at Jeffersonville, the lot or North East quarter of the South East quarter of Section Number thirty of Township Number one North in Range Number two East, containing forty acres and hdts, at the rate of $1 and 25 cents per Acre, amounting to $50 for which the said James Vandeveer has made payment in full, as required by law.

"Now, therefore, be it known, That on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said James Vandeveer shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the above described Lot.

(*Signed*) "Wm. Lewis, Register"

APPENDIX XXXII

Patent of James Vandeveer for Land in Orange County, Indiana, dated 16 September 1835

The following is a copy of the original document on file in the records of the former General Land Office, Natural Resources Division, National Archives, Washington, D. C., Record Group 49.

Book 71, Page 401
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Department of Interior, General Land Office
Washington March 29, 1919

"I hereby certify that the annexed copy of patent is a true and literal exemplification from the record which is in my custody in this office.

"In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the seal of this office to be affixed, at the city of Washington, on the day and year above written.

(SEAL) (*Signed*) "L. Q. C. Lamar
"Recorder of the General Land Office"

"372 Certificate No. 5383 United State of America Exd.

"To All to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greeting:

"Whereas, James Vandeveer of Orange County, Indiana, has deposited in the General Land Office of the United States, a certificate of the Register of Land Office at Jeffersonville whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said James Vandeveer according to the pro-

visions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April 1820, entitled "An Act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands, "for the north east quarter of the south east quarter of section thirty in township one north of range two east, in the District of Lands subject to the sale at Jeffersonville, Indiana, containing forty acres according to the official plat of the survey of the said lands returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said James Vandeveer.

"Now Know Ye, The United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several Acts of Congress, in such case made and provided, have given and granted, and by these presents, do give and grant, unto the said James Vandeveer and to his heirs, the said tract above described,

"To Have and to Hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities and appurtenances of whatsoever nature thereunto belonging, unto the said James Vandeveer, and to his heirs and assigns forever.

"In Testimony Whereof, I, Andrew Jackson, President of the United States of America, have caused these Letters to be made patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

"Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the Sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty five and of the Independence of the United States the sixtieth.

"By the President: ANDREW JACKSON

(LS) "By A. J. Donelson Secretary"

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"Ethan A. Brown, Commissioner of the General Land Office."

"Received for Record the 1 day of April 1919 at 2:12 o'clock P.M., and Recorded in Deed Record 71 Page 401.

"W. O. RITTER

"Recorder Orange County, Indiana"

APPENDIX XXXIII

Deed of James Vandeveer to Aaron Hardin, Jr., Both of Orange County, Indiana, Dated 22 February 1838

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book F, Page 524.

"This Indenture made and executed this twenty second day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight between James Vandeveer and Caroline Vandeveer his wife of the County of Orange and State of Indiana of the first part and Aaron Hardin Jr. of the County and State aforesaid of the second part witnesseth that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and twelve dollars to them in hand paid by the party of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged the part of the first part hath granted bargained and sold and doth by these presents grant bargain sell alein convey and confirm unto the party of the second part a certain lot or parcel of land in the County of Orange known and described as follows (viz) the north east fourth of south east quarter of section No. thirty in township No. one north of range No. two east containing forty acres to himself his heirs or assigns to have and to hold with all and singular it imunits benefits and privileges in behoof of himself his heirs and assigns in fee simple forever and the party of the first part doth for themselves their heirs executors and administrators will and truly warrant and forever defend the title to said premises to the party of the second part forever against the claims of themselves or any other persons or persons forever. In Testimony whereof we the part of the first part have hereunto set our names and affixed our seals this date first above written.

"James Vandeveer (SEAL)
"Caroline Vandeveer (SEAL)

"Signed, sealed and delivered in the
"presence of us
His
"William X Moore
Mark
"Richard Beeson"

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Personally appeared James Vandeveer and Caroline Vandeveer his wife and acknowledged the within indenture to be their voluntary act and deed and his wife Caroline Vandeveer being examined separate and apart from her said husband according to law.

"Given under my hand and seal this 23d day of February 1838.
"Filed November 10th 1838.

(*Signed*) "Richard Beeson J.P. (SEAL)
"Recorded November 10th 1838. "J. Hazlewood R.O.C."

APPENDIX XXXIV

Mortgage Deed of James Vandeveer to John Sullinger, Both of Orange County, Indiana, 12 September 1843

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book I, Page 514.

"This Indenture made the 12th day of September in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Forty Three between James Vandeveer of the County of Orange and State of Indiana of the one part and John Sullinger of the County and State aforesaid of the other part Witnesseth that Whereas the said James Vandeveer by a certain witness obligatory under his hand seal bearing even date with these presents stands indebted to the said John Sullinger in the sum of fifty dollars lawful money of the United States to be paid to the said John Sullinger or certain attorney to his heirs or assigns on or before 12th day of September 1845 name the said James Vandeveer as well in consideration of the said debt and for the better securing of the payment thereof as of the further sum dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge hath granted bargained sold conveyed and confirmed and doth by these presents grant bargain sell convey and confirm unto the said John Sullinger his heirs assigns forever all that certain tract or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Orange aforesaid containing eighty acres have in the possession and in acceptance of the said James Vandeveer Bound as follows to wit the south half of the south east quarter of Section thirty one in Township one North of Range Two East in the district of land subject to sale at Jeffersonville Indiana containing Eighty acres together with all the rites priveleges and appurtenaces to the said premises belonging and the reversion remainders and proffit thereof and all the estate right title and claim of him the said James Vandeveer in and to the same to have and to hold the premises aforesaid with all their appurtenances to the and only proper use benefit and behoof of him the said John Sullinger to his heirs and assigns forever.

"Provided nevertheless if the said James Vandeveer his heirs executors or administrators do well and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said John Sullinger his executors administrators or assigns the aforesaid debt of One Hundred fifty dollars have this Mortgage is to hold the land until the said James Vandeveer payeth the said debt to the said John Sullinger

otherwise its to be in full force and virtue in law But as soon as the said James Vandeveer payeth the above debt to John Sullinger this above indenture is to be void and of none effect in Witness Whereof the said James Vandeveer hath hereunto set his hand and seal the day and year above written.

"James Vandeveer (SEAL)

"Signed sealed and delivered
"in the presents of
"Jos. (?) W. Vandeveer
"Christopher C. More"
"Filed and Recorded October 9th 1843.

"Josiah Hazlewood R. O. C."

APPENDIX XXXV

Deed of James Vandeveer, Warrick County, Indiana, to Joseph H. Radcliff, Orange County, Indiana, dated 8 January 1851

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book 14, Pages 545, 546.

"This indenture made this 8th day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty one between James Vandeveer and Caroline Vandeveer his wife of the County of Warrick and State of Indiana of the first part and Joseph H. Radcliff of the County of Orange and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the said part of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred and twenty five dollars lawful money of the State of Indiana to them in hand paid by the said part of the second part the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged by the said part of the first part have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said part of the second part and his heirs and assigns forever all that tract or parcel of land lying and situate in the County of Orange and State aforesaid known and described by being the south half of the south East quarter of Section thirty one in Township one North of Range two East in the districts of lands subject to sale at Jeffersonville Indiana containing eighty acres more or less To Have and to Hold the said piece parcel or lot of land above particularly described with the appurtenances aforesaid to the

sale and only use benefit and behoof of the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns forever and the said part of the first part for themselves their heirs executors and administrators do covenant and agree to and with the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns that they the said part of the first part are lawfully seized of the premises hereby conveyed as of a good sure perfect and absolute estate of inheritance in the law in fee simple that the same are free and less of all incumbrances whatever and that they have good right to sell and convey the same in manner and form aforesaid and further that said part of the first part their heirs executors and administrators shall and will warrant and forever defend the said part of the second part his heirs and assigns in the quit and peacable possession of the above granted and bargained premises all and every person or persons whomsoever lawfully claiming as to claim the same and every part and parcel thereof. In testimony whereof the said part of the first part have hereunto set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

"JAMES VANDEVEER (SEAL)
"CAROLINE VANDEVEER (SEAL)

"Signed sealed and delivered in the
"presence of
"John H. Shore
"Andrew J. Shore"

"State of Indiana, Orange County, to wit

"Be it remembered that the within named James Vandeveer and Caroline his wife came this day personally before me the undersigned Justice of the Peace of said county and acknowledged that they signed sealed and delivered the within Indenture as their act and deed for the purposes therein specified and the said Caroline being of full age and being by me duly examined separate and apart from her and of hearing said husband and the contents of the said indenture being made known to her declared that she relinquished all her rights and title of dower in and to the lands and tenements in the within Indenture set forth and described and that she voluntarily and of her own free will and accord and without any coercion or compulsion of her husband signed sealed and delivered the said Indenture as her act and deed for the purposes aforesaid given under my hand and seal this 29th day of November 1851.

"JOHN H. SHORE J.P." (SEAL)

"Filed for Record June 9th 1852 9 o'clock A.M.
"Recorded June 14th 1852. "JOSIAH HAZLEWOOD R. O. C."

APPENDIX XXXVI

Deed of James H. Vandeveer to Joseph Danner, Orange County, Indiana, dated 27 October 1856

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

Book 18, Page 37.

"James H. Vandeveer and Elizabeth Vandeveer his wife conveys and warrants to Joseph Danner the South East fourth of the South West quarter of Section twenty four in Township one North of Range one East also the South half of the North East fourth of the aforesaid quarter section in the district of land subject to sale at Jeffersonville, Indiana. Also sixty acres of land on the West side of the South East quarter of section twenty four bounded as follows Commencing at the North West corner of said quarter in the same Township and Range above mentioned at a rock the corner of Richard Beasons and Joel Vandeveers land running thence South on the line to the New Albany and Vincennes turnpike Road and to the South side thence East along said Road to a sassafras stake nine or ten rods in distance betwext two sink holes be the same more or less thence south to the section line so as to have three acres in the south west corner of said quarter section formerly sold to Robert Paschal thence East sixty nine poles from the South West corner of said quarter section to a stake along the section line thence North one hundred and sixty poles thence West to the place of beginning containing in all the above mentioned tract or parcel of land one hundred and twenty-six acres more or less for the sum of Eight hundred dollars the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged.

"As Witness our hands and seals this 27th day of October 1856.

"James H. Vandeveer (SEAL)
"Elizabeth Vandeveer (SEAL)

"Subscribed to in presence
"Joel Vandeveer
"James H. Walker"

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"Before me James A. Walker a Justice of the Peace in Stampers Creek Township this 28th day of October A. D. 1856 James H. Vandeveer and Elizabeth Vandeveer his wife acknowledged the execution of the within deed.

"James A. Walker J P" (SEAL)

"Filed for Record December 5th 1856, 10 o'clock A.M.
"Recorded December 17th 1856.

"JOSIAH HAZLEWOOD R O C"

APPENDIX XXXVII

Deed of Perry Vandeveer to Lewis Vandeveer, Both of Orange County, Indiana, dated 11 August 1845

The following is a copy of the deed in the office of the Recorder of Orange County, Indiana, at Paoli.

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"This Indenture made and executed this the Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and forty five by and between Perry Vandeveer of the County of Orange and State of Indiana of the first part and Lewis Vandeveer of the County and State aforesaid of the second part Witnesseth that the party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of Seventy dollars to him in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold unto the party of the second part a certain lot or parcel of land lying and being in the County of Orange and State aforesaid known and described as follows (viz) the North west fourth of the North west Quarter of Section No. thirty six in Township No. one north of Range one East containing forty acres in the lands directed to be sold at Jeffersonville and for and in consideration of the same aforesaid the party of the first part doth by these presents grant bargain sell aliene convey and confirm unto the part of the second part all the write title claim and interest of the party of the first part in and to said premises to the party of the second part to him his heirs and assigns forever with all and singular its benefits previleges and iments to there own proper use and behoof and the party of the first part doth for himself his heirs and executors he well and truly Warrant and forever defend the title to said premises to the party of the second part against himself and all other persons claiming by or throu him in testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this date above written.

"PERRY VANDEVEER (SEAL)

"Test
"Joel Vandeveer
"Saml Holaday"

"State of Indiana, Orange County, SS

"This day personally appeared before me the undersigned a justice of the peace in and for said County aforesaid Perry Vandeveer and acknowledged that he did sign seal and deliver the within indenture as his act and deed for the purposes therein specified given under my hand and seal this 11th day of August 1845.

"Filed for Record October 4th 1845, 1 o'clock P.M.

"SAML HOLADAY J P" (SEAL)

"Recorded October 6th 1845."

APPENDIX XXXVIII

Certificate of Death of Louis B. Vandever, Posey County, Indiana

The following is an extract of the pertinent information from the Certificate of Death issued by the Indiana State Board of Health, Indianapolis, Indiana, No. 217 (Certificate No. 15 217).

Full Name: Louis B. Vandever
Place of Death: Posey County, Indiana, Town of Cynthiana
Description: Male, White, Married, Wife: Mary E. Vandever
Born December 1, 1856, Died July 18, 1915
Occupation: Laborer
Birthplace: Warrick County, Indiana
Name of Father: James Vandever
Birthplace of Father: Cumberland County, Kentucky
Name of Mother (Maiden): Caroline Brown
Birthplace of Mother: Tennessee
Informant: Steven B. Vandever
Burial Permit Issued To: Perry Pritchett
Place of Burial or Removal: Liberty Cemetery
Undertaker: C. N. McReynolds, Embalmer's License No. 1621
Place of Burial: Cynthiana
Date of Burial: July 20, 1915

Dr. I. L. Truman, Cynthiana, July 18, 1915, certified that he attended the deceased from May 5, 1915, to July 18, 1915, and last saw him alive on the latter date; that death occurred on date stated above at 8 A.M., from Paralysis, contributory Pericarditis.

APPENDIX XXXIX

Certificate of Death of Mary Ellen Vandeveer, Audrain County, Missouri

The following is an extract of pertinent information from the Certificate of Death issued by the State Board of Health of Missouri, Jefferson, Missouri, State File No. 16202, Register's No. 75, Primary Registration District No. 3002.

Full Name: Mary Ellen Vandeveer
Place of Death: Audrain County, Missouri, City of Mexico, Length of stay in community: 3 months
Description: Female, White, Widowed, husband was Louis B. Vandeveer
Birth Date: October 28, 1868, Died at 76 yrs., 6 months, 17 days
Birthplace: Gibson County, Indiana
Father: Harris Gwatney, born Gibson County, Indiana (The correct name is Harris Gwaltney.)
Mother (Maiden Name): Harriett Barr, born in Pike County, Indiana
Informant: Mrs. Archie Hunt, Mexico, Missouri
Removal and Place of Burial: May 16, 1945, to Cynthiana, Indiana
Signature of Funeral Director: Earl E. Pickett, Mexico, Missouri
Usual Residence of Deceased: 505 Seminary St., Princeton, Gibson County, Indiana
Medical Certification: Died May 16, 1945 at 8:20 P.M., J. Frank Jolley, M.D., Mexico, Missouri, last saw deceased alive on May 14, 1945.
Immediate cause of Death: Myocarditis, nephutis, colloid thyroid and hypertension

THE HERITAGE OF MY HOME TOWN

An Address given by W. W. Vandeveer at the Centennial Celebration of Haubstadt, Indiana (1855-1955) on May 30, 1955

APPENDIX XL

THE HERITAGE OF MY HOME TOWN

My Friends:

It is indeed a happy privilege and an honor for me to be here today to take part in the Centennial Celebration of Haubstadt.

When I received the letter from the Chairman of our Centennial Committee, asking me to talk on this historic day in the life of our town, I replied that there were others more qualified than I to make this talk. I truly feel and believe this. However, the Committee advised me they had made their selection and I accepted.

My friends, I am truly moved by the seriousness this occasion has for me. It is with a deep feeling of humility and humbleness that I acknowledge this honor — an honor such as mine today can come only once in a life time.

Before I started to prepare this talk, I wondered what people talk about at Centennial Celebrations. Many thoughts crowded my mind but one by one they were cast aside — but one thing is sure; we are all gathered here to say goodbye to the first century in the life of Haubstadt — a glorious century that has now joined eternity to be recorded in history only.

This first Centennial occasion is truly a great day in the life of Haubstadt. It is also a great day in our lives.

Today as I think of this occasion, the past has been telescoped into minutes, the years and the days are all in my mind at once. The day before yesterday I was a farm boy, and that day before yesterday, my friends, was three score and more years ago. Yesterday I was attending school where this magnificent gymnasium now stands, and that yesterday was fifty years ago.

Yes, the past rushes forward and in retrospection I see again many of the air castles built in those youthful days — many of them soon to be leveled to the ground by the storms of inability and the floods of time.

When I left here as a boy, with high hopes and 60 dollars in hard-earned cash, hoping to get myself a college education, I never dreamed that I would be back here with you to mark the Centennial Celebration of the founding of Haubstadt. Every Haubstadt boy and girl – no matter how far away the tides of life may carry him – returns here again and again, at least in spirit. Since 1908, when I sallied forth to get my 60-dollar education, it has been my good fortune to return home at least once each year for a visit to my home town – to our town.

As we grow older, we gain a new appreciation for the guidance and the help given to each of us as we sprouted and grew to adult responsibilities. I shall always be indebted to the good citizens and the good Americans who were my teachers when I was a boy. For myself, and for all of their other students of bygone years, I would like to pay tribute to the teachers of my boyhood days – especially to those who are still here with us. I want to tell Olive Sipp Smith, William R. Ballard, Mathew Halbig, President of the Centennial Celebration of Haubstadt, and Clell Cleveland, now Trustee of Johnson Township, that while we may not have been models of good deportment at all times in your classrooms, and although you may have wondered if pounding the rudiments of knowledge into our thick skulls was worth the effort, we can never repay you for all you did for the future citizens entrusted to you in your classrooms.

It is my belief that teachers have a great influence on children – they believe largely what they are taught. Many people are guided through their lives by the religious, political and economic teachings absorbed during their school days. America has always been what the youth of today has been taught to desire. Too much emphasis can not be placed upon the preparation and selection of teachers. Haudstadt is fortunate it had teachers of the highest caliber.

Thornton Wilder once wrote a prize-winning play called "Our Town." "Our Town" in Wilder's play was located in the hills of New Hampshire. Whether it was founded in the rocky hills of New England in 1670 or the forests of Indiana in 1855 – whether the founding fathers came from England, seeking religious freedom – or from the lowlands of Holland and the mainland of Europe,

seeking political and economic freedom — every American town was founded by men and women who wanted liberty and opportunity and independence.

It was not easy to leave family, friends and relatives behind — often forever. The prospect of a strange land and association with people who spoke a strange tongue must have been a little terrifying. But the urge — the desire — for freedom was strong and so the stream of pioneers grew until it was measured in the tens and the hundreds of thousands each year.

One hundred years ago, Henry Haub and other sturdy, thrifty, hard-working folks from across the sea, settled here. Like those who had built the original white settlements in America, they were people with a dream. They were willing to take a chance.

Compared with the densely populated countries of Europe, most of America was still a wilderness. The next great President of the United States would be a man born in a simple log cabin across the Ohio River in Kentucky. Wide spaces, still unsettled, were to be cleared for homesteads, farms, towns and cities.

The seeds of the future, great industrial nation, however, had already been planted. In the year that Haubstadt was established, Bessemer received his first patent for his process of steel making. The first railroad train crossed the Mississippi from Rock Island, Illinois to Davenport, Iowa in 1856. The following year saw the start of the laying of the first trans-Atlantic cable. And in 1859, Colonel Drake struck oil at Titusville, Pennsylvania.

The great American revolution that had been started by the colonial settlers on the Eastern seaboard was being spread across the face of a continent. The grandsons and great grandsons of the revolution moved west to conquer the wilderness. At their side went the enterprising immigrants from Europe, who turned their back on a civilization where people were divided into classes, to seek a new life in a country where a man was free to carve out his own destiny.

I believe that one of the most significant things about this mass movement of people from the shadows of tyranny to the light of freedom is the fact that they were not brought here in chains but

they came of their own free, individual choice. They believed the words of the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal." America offered them an opportunity they could find nowhere else on the face of the earth.

The villages and the towns that they established were communities of free men. The shadow of no feudal castle on the Rhine fell across the town of Haubstadt or any other town in America. No hereditary ruling class governed the country. The accident of birth did not make one man a prince and another man a pauper.

The average European intellectual who visits the United States complains that Americans are not socially conscious. They think this marks us as a backward nation – according to them, we are not quite grown up. Actually, our fathers and grandfathers who migrated to these shores took our first big step forward for us. I don't suppose that everyone who first settled in Haubstadt was a great social philosopher. I doubt whether many of the pioneers thought of themselves as the creators of a new kind of society. They desired freedom and recognition for their personal integrity. This was the important thing.

Because they believed in freedom and independence – and because they were willing to work for it, fight for it, and even die for it – their children could enjoy the opportunities of a free society. Naturally, in a free country where people are not divided into classes at birth, where no one has special rights ahead of everybody else, where people move freely without police surveillance, class consciousness does not exist. That is one of the reasons that the Marxian, Socialist, Syndicalist, Communist and other social philosophies of this kind have never been able to gain very much of a foothold in our country.

The expounders of those philosophies call themselves revolutionists. But they are wrong. We – and the pioneers who settled America – are the real revolutionists. We have changed the face of the earth – for the better. We have created a new way of life for hundreds of millions of people. We have crossed new frontiers,

not only geographically, but new frontiers in science, in industry, and in constitutional government.

All this has been accomplished within a philosophy of individual freedom and individual responsibility.

On the other hand, the so-called revolutionary state of Russia, under the dictatorship of the Communists, has taken away all liberties from its people. After nearly 38 years of planned collectivization under the threat of concentration camps and execution, they have brought Russian agriculture to the point that less grain is produced than when the Czars ruled Russia and the number of dairy cattle is now smaller than it was when the Bolsheviks wiped out the Czar's family in 1917.

Compare the productive results of free America – in telephones, in bath tubs, in radios, in television sets, in farm tractors, in trucks, in automobiles – with the output of any Communist-dominated country. We can put every man, woman and child, including all the residents in hospitals, prisons and insane asylums, into American-owned automobiles without crowding. Four persons per car would do the trick. In free Australia, the entire population could ride in a car if each car accommodated nine persons. On the other hand, in Communist Russia, you would have to have a car large enough to squeeze in over 1,000 persons. In Hungary, each car would have to be large enough to hold 1,800 passengers and in Yugoslavia, there is only one car to every 2,000 persons. Even if the totalitarian cars were large enough to take the whole population for a ride, they couldn't get very far for the lack of good roads and supplies of motor fuel.

To explain away our accomplishments, some of the critics say we are just lucky. We're creatures of good fortune. They say America is favored with large accumulations of natural resources – coal, iron, oil, fertile lands, a salubrious climate – all placed here by Nature. All we had to do was to move in and start living the life of Riley.

We have no monopoly of the world's resources. All of the arable land in the world is not within the borders of the United States. Russia and the countries behind the Iron Curtain, for example, have greater

resources of many metals. There are actually three or four times as many known reserves of petroleum in the rest of the world as there are in the United States. Our country is a have-not nation for nickel, tin, natural rubber and many other raw materials. The soil and the climate in this great agricultural area that spreads out in all directions from Haubstadt is no better than it is in the bread-basket of Russia, the area that the Communists have not been able to make produce more food under their despotism. In fact, we're going to let them come over here to find out how the poor, down-trodden, exploited American farmer, living in a backward capitalistic country, is able to produce more and more food for our ever-expanding population.

What we have done in America is something new and revolutionary. We have combined our human resources and our natural resources in a new and revolutionary way. The result has not been perfect nor is our system perfect. But with all its imperfections, we have maintained freedom of opportunity for the individual. Free opportunity has created the highest level of living and the greatest area of freedom ever enjoyed by any people in the long history of man on earth.

As we look about us and consider that a plane can carry us across the continent in fewer hours than it took our parents to go from Haubstadt to Evansville and return by horse and buggy, we might think that we had reached the pinnacle of our achievements. Actually, we've just started. The last hundred years, since the founding of Haubstadt, has only been a split second in all human history; yet they have encompassed more technological achievement than all the millions of years that went ahead of it. Harnessing electricity, proving the germ theory of disease, anaesthetics, the discovery of X-rays, the automobile, the airplane, the talking movie, the evolution of mass production, the development of electronics, splitting the atom are only the forerunners for many new developments that will come at an even more accelerated pace.

The combined unfolding of electronics and atomics will dwarf the industrial revolution brought about by the invention of the steam engine and electricity. It has been predicted that we can

expect to produce more in the next 10 years than in all the previous 75 years of our existence in the fields of electronics and atomic energy. Atomic batteries may be commonplace long before another 25 years roll around. Before 1980, ships, aircraft, locomotives and even automobiles will be atomically fueled.

Other sources of energy like the sun, tides and winds will be developed far beyond our present expectations. We'll eliminate cancer, polio, tuberculosis just as we have disposed of cholera, typhus and other great killers of the past. Another 10 or 15 years will be added to the average life-span.

This full flowering of science and technology requires the continued prevalence of liberty. These things can not thrive or grow in the dark confines of the concentration camp or under the goad of the dictator's whip. It will be many years before we can enjoy world peace, however, with the continuance of communities and government of free men, we can look forward to decades of dynamic progress.

The industrial revolution, touched off by the steam engine, brought in its wake slums, child labor and brutal working conditions. As Karl Marx viewed this world from his writing table in the London library, he could envision nothing but a world where finally everything would be owned by a handful of persons and the large mass of humanity would be a starving proletariat, robbed of everything except its capacity to work. The Communist manifesto closed with this invitation to revolt: "You have nothing to lose but your chains."

We have confounded the predictions of Karl Marx. Slowly and surely, under our free, independent way of life, the fruits of the industrial revolution have been spread to more and more people in more goods, in health, in social security, and a new dignity of labor. Huge middle classes, not foreseen by Karl Marx, have arisen and spread. The distance between rich and poor has steadily shrunk. Today, the average American citizen has an amplitude of well-being and opportunity that older societies reserved for a small and arrogant elite.

As we gather here to mark the start of the second century of Haubstadt's history, and as we look back over the miraculous developments of the past hundred years, the material wealth we have created should not blind us to the needs of the spirit.

The great political, social, and economic revolution that created what we call the American way of life is not a godless, materialistic thing created out of engines, test tubes, scientific theories and class struggle. The material things are only one side of the coin.

On the other side of the coin, we find the spiritual revolution, openly declared to the world "In God We Trust."

From the very beginning, the pioneers who came to these shores recognized the inadequacy of man alone. The Declaration of Independence closes with these words: "With a firm reliance on the protection of Divine Providence, we mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes, and our Sacred Honor." You will note that the Revolutionary fathers drew their strength not only from their own courage and determination to be free, but also from the protection of Divine Providence.

In a later crisis, Abraham Lincoln was to say: "It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us — that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion — that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain — that this nation, *under God,* shall have a new birth of Freedom."

The importance of religious freedom was emphasized in the very first words of the first amendment to the Constitution which states: "Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof . . ."

The pioneers who came to Plymouth Rock, the pioneers who settled in Haubstadt, believed in God and they believed that each man should be free to worship God as he chose. The desire for religious freedom was as strong a driving force in the mass movement to America as the desire for political independence and economic opportunity.

The real strength of America today does not lie alone in our ability to make bigger and better atomic bombs or in the industrial

capacity of our country to produce goods. The engineering and the scientific knowledge of material production are no monopoly that belongs to the free nations. Russia has already proved its ability to produce the atom bomb and the hydrogen bomb. There may be some question as to whether they could have produced them as fast without the subversive assistance of American and British scientists, but there is no question about the fact that eventually they could have arrived at the bomb by themselves.

The brutal, atheistic, godless science of the communist despots uses the same formulas, the same equations, and the same mathematics as we do. Without God, without Christianity, and without Christian principles they must end in the complete self-destruction of Man.

So, our ultimate hope for the future still lies in the world-shaking idea brought to us two thousand years ago by the Man from Galilee. A firm faith in that idea sustained the pioneers who founded our town of Haubstadt and all the other towns in our great country. Religious freedom and faith have continued to be an essential cornerstone in the social structure we have built. Without it, free man would long since have disappeared. Without it, man will ride to his own destruction.

A Centennial Celebration like this makes us all pause for a moment to get our bearings and to measure the value of the things to which we have devoted our lives and to which our children and grandchildren will devote their lives. It seems only yesterday that I was a farm boy here, dreaming the dreams of youth. Like most of you, I have roamed every hill and been in every valley surrounding our town.

Haubstadt and Johnson Township, in Gibson County, in the State of Indiana, the United States of America isn't a very big spot on the map of the earth. It isn't even important enough or big enough to be a target for an enemy bombing raid. For a hundred years free people have lived here, been born here, worshipped here, received their early education here, and died here. Haubstadt boys have marched with the armies of freedom in more than one war.

In these days when the fate of the free world is in the balance, our Centennial Celebration at Haubstadt takes on a special significance. Haubstadt's first hundred years are part of a wonderful, almost miraculous, history created by free men. Today, we salute and give thanks here for the heritage of freedom handed down to us by the founders of Haubstadt – and the founders of all the other communities in America. If we accept the responsibilities of this heritage, then a hundred years from today a new generation will hold a second Centennial Celebration here.

That second Centennial Celebration – no more than this one – will warrant no headlines on the front pages of the metropolitan dailies in Cleveland, Chicago, New York or London. The celebrants in attendance will not be counted in the millions. Yet for millions it will be a truly significant event. It will mean, and I quote, "that our government of the people, by the people, for the people shall not have perished from the earth."

MERGERITIS

by

W. W. VANDEVEER

1948

APPENDIX XLI

MERGERITIS

While the Federal government investigates, prosecutes and holds hearings on how big business is growing bigger by gobbling up its smaller competitors, thousands of small businesses are being forced to seek refuge in mergers with other companies because of the government's own regulations.

Our company – Allied Oil Company, Inc. – and its subsidiaries – were merged with the Ashland Oil & Refining Company on August 3, 1948. On that day my partner and I were out of business – a business that we had built from scratch over a period of 23 years. On that day the number of competing oil companies in the United States was reduced by one.

We were not the victims of unfair trade practices. We were not gobbled up by any private monopoly. We were not threatened by any of our competitors – big or little. We sought to merge because of the threats held over our heads by the government that has been giving lip-service to the encouragement of small business and to the preservation of competitive enterprise.

We were ready, willing and able to carry on for many more years of successful business life. We had faced the business hazards of depression years, war years and years of postwar reconstruction. We were not a couple of doddering old men looking for a safe, quiet place to piece out the rest of our days. We knew we could continue to increase our service to our community – and do it profitably – but Uncle Sam's tax laws backed us into a corner where we had only one of two choices: sell out or face the risks of personal bankruptcy at the time of our respective deaths.

If our story were the story of only one small business, it would hardly be worth the telling. It is, however, the story of thousands of independent, closely-held business concerns. The liquidation and merging of these thousands of small businesses is reducing the area of competition and threatening our system of individual enter-

prise. I agree with the Washington arithmetic which shows the number of companies diminishing in many industries.

If growing economic concentration is heading us into a collectivist state, it is important that we know all the factors and influences that are eliminating competition. It is not enough to take wild political punches at big, integrated companies or to assume that they are the aggressors and forcing the small companies to merge against their wills. There are many other factors that need to be studied. Merely to curb the evils of potential private monopoly is not enough. The threat of government-regulated monopoly may be as great. And, certainly, dynamic growth of competitive enterprise cannot be encouraged by restrictive rules and regulations alone. We need a political-economic atmosphere that encourages the formation of new businesses — and discourages the liquidation of established businesses.

It is time to study the problem of mergeritis from the viewpoint of the small business that has been merged. It is time to determine the composite causes that make liquidation or the merger route such a popular road to business suicide. We do not need more road-blocks on big business. We need an open road that will give small business the incentive and opportunity to stay independent.

The story of the Allied merger shows how government regulations encourage the sales of small business and reduce competition. Allied Oil was born, like thousands of American enterprises, on a shoestring. Its pattern of growth was that followed by many an American company.

How Allied Grew

Back in 1925, two partners opened a small office in Cleveland with $30,000 in cash — three-fourths of it borrowed from friends. They saw an opportunity to serve a growing industrial area with fuel oil and they had some ideas that would make oil a more economical fuel for industrial plants, public buildings and homes. They sold the advantages of oil fuels so effectively that when the day of liquidation came Allied Oil was doing an annual business of 50 million dollars.

Except for the NRA code days and the years of the Petroleum Administration for War, the business grew outside the shadow of government restrictions. We were free to compete for the fuel business of industrial customers. In that competition with natural gas suppliers, coal and oil companies, we had to show industrial plants how Allied Oil could help them reduce their operating and manufacturing costs. We did this by teaching their personnel more efficient fuel practices — by searching the country for lower-cost materials — and by devising new, lower-cost transportation methods.

In the process, we pioneered in several directions. Allied transported the first fuel oil from St. Louis to Chicago by water; moved the first trainload of liquid petroleum asphalt for fuel into a steel plant; Allied was one of the early pioneers in moving residual fuel oil by barge direct to an industrial plant on the Ohio River; delivered the first self-propelled tanker of residual fuel to a plant on the Great Lakes. The economies we effected were reflected eventually in millions of dollars saved by steel plants, potteries, forge plants and other manufacturers. These savings were passed on by Allied customers in better products and lower prices to consumers all over America.

Over the years, to maintain and improve Allied service — in competition with other fuels and other oil companies — we built large storage terminals on the Great Lakes and the Ohio River. We created a fleet of Great Lakes Tankers and a barge fleet on the Mississippi-Ohio Rivers. We ended up by owning a refinery in Canton, oil wells in Illinois, Oklahoma and Texas; and a system of pipelines to gather the crude oil we produced.

During these years of growth and diversification, we plowed back practically every cent of the company's earnings into new facilities and in addition borrowed substantial sums from local banks and life insurance companies in order to further increase our service to the community and to tide us over many a tight spot. Our expanding facilities each year served more and more customers with lower-cost fuels and better service and provided more and more persons with employment on the Allied Oil payroll.

With such an apparent record of success, why were we forced to sell out? To begin with, the tax laws encourage small business men to take their earnings in capital gains instead of paying taxes on current income. To do this you have to sell out. Amos and Andy were not the first to make this discovery. They were the first to get wide publicity for using the capital gains route to hold on to a larger share of their earnings.

Double Taxation

As our business grew, we could not distribute each year's earnings as salaries or dividends. Such a procedure would have weakened the institution financially, impaired its credit standing and checked its growth in the face of growing consumer demands. In addition to the regular corporate tax of thirty-eight percent (38%), every dollar of earnings paid out as dividends would have been subject to a second tax. Because substantially all the stock was held by two individuals, it would have placed them in an impossible income tax bracket. It was either plow back the bulk of earnings into the business or turn the major portion over to the government in income taxes.

The second impelling cause of our action grew heavier each passing year. The more earnings plowed back, the more the company grew, the greater its assets and earning value became and estate taxes assumed increased importance. The value of the organization was in its nature as a going concern based on earning power. It wasn't the tons of steel, the ships, the storage terminals and other physical properties, but the annual earning potential of a smoothly functioning unit that determined the value of the company.

Each owner knew that the untimely death of the other would set in motion a series of events that could wipe out the earning power of the company and bankrupt the surviving owner as well as the kin of the deceased. There was no established market value of the shares of the company. They were substantially all held by the two chief owners. How would "value" for inheritance and estate tax purposes be determined? Largely by capitalization of past and potential earnings.

Depending upon the rates used for capitalization purposes, the value so determined could easily exceed the realization that could have been actually procured under market conditions such as we have experienced and, unless government attitudes are changed, seem likely to experience for an indefinite time into the future. Inheritance and estate taxes, determined on such a basis, would have greatly exceeded the estate value (liquid assets) held outside of Allied by either owner. Having never been able to pay out much in the way of earnings, their eggs were all in one basket. To meet such taxes, the heirs of the deceased stockholder would have to find a purchaser for a minority stock interest in the company. Where and at what price could such a purchaser be found? The survivor might have to go into debt in order to buy such stock to protect himself. There might even have to be either a forced sale of the total properties or a liquidation of assets piecemeal. The effect on Allied Oil employees, customers and loan makers, to say nothing of the two principals and their heirs, might have been disastrous. We could not escape the inevitability of putting our estates in order.

Government Discourages Private Investment

There were several possible courses of action and all were studied carefully and thoroughly. One solution was to issue and sell common stock to the public. This would have continued Allied Oil as an independent, competitive company and we would not have contributed to the "concentration of economic power" by merger into another company.

Allied properties were appraised by a capable firm of engineers in 1945 and a basis established for proper stock issue. The stock market turned down, however, and new issues could find a market only on the basis of bargain counter prices. Even larger companies — long-established and well known — found it necessary to finance their capital needs through banks, insurance loans and plowed-back earnings because funds could not be raised through new stock issues on any kind of fair basis. Investors were not rushing to buy new issues of anybody's common stock.

And who could blame them? The entire economic horizon over all business was and remains clouded with the uncertainties of a vacillating governmental policy. Corporations, the medium through which most of our national income is produced, are not only subject to a host of regulations, conflicting governmental policy, double taxation through the tax on dividends but at the same time are held to be responsible for most of the Nation's ills and looked to for the large part of $4,000,000,000 of proposed additional taxes. As a result, savers are not making any notable contribution to the capital needs of our rapidly expanding business economy through the purchase of new securities.

After working on the possibility of selling common stock to the public, we found it necessary to find another solution.

We started a market survey of companies capable of buying Allied's little organization. Several oil companies were interested in making the deal. Our prime objective was to insure a continuation of the Allied organization on a sound and growing basis. That is why the exchange of assets for preferred and common stock of the Ashland Oil & Refining Company was finally accepted.

We were satisfied that Allied would continue to serve the market as it had in the past. We were satisfied that our customers would be taken care of. We were convinced that our employees would be treated with dignity and fairness as becomes their abilities. All in all, it seemed the best arrangement for everyone who had an interest in Allied. It was the only way out for two individuals who had conceived and built up a business and which in other times or under different circumstances they would have carried on for the rest of their business lives.

That is the story of the Allied Oil merger and its contribution to the concentration of economic power in America. I do not expect any government body to ask us WHY we merged ourselves out of business because so far no government study has sought all the reasons why mergers are consummated. The government has repeatedly *declared* itself in favor of a competitive economy. Instead of studying how the legal framework of our laws prepares such an ideal seed bed, encouraging mergers, it spends its energies in devising

means to "atomize" big business. Instead of studying how government creates conditions which tend to destroy the free enterprise system and which force thousands of little men in little business to seek a solution to their problems by merger into a publicly owned business, our governmental bodies seek to justify the addition of patch upon patch on the present regulatory laws to curb big business. In addition to trying to find out how big business got that way, they might well study why small business finds it more profitable to sell out.

Government Hatchet-Men

So far the government's attack on the problem of maintaining a free economy has been centered on dismembering business into segments. The Department of Justice has worked for many years and is now working actively under that concept. It has decided that a meat packer cannot sell meat at retail — that a manufacturer of Pullman cars cannot operate those cars — that a film producer cannot operate a theatre.

Senator Gillette has reintroduced bills, originally offered in 1939, for decentralization of the oil industry. Comparative efficiency, military urgency, historical record of accomplishment, investors' desires, consumer preference, cost to the public, and an infinite number of other pertinent questions have not been raised by the Senator and remain unanswered.

Congressman Patman wants to prohibit an oil company from marketing tires. Senator O'Mahoney writes an article for Readers Digest, entitled: "Is Big Business Too Big?"

In the 81st Congress, the House Small Business Committee wants to make "a study to determine what effective and equitable legislation could be passed to divest certain large corporations and chains of the power of bigness, *whether actions are legal or illegal.*" (Italics by the author.)

The Federal Trade Commission must not go unmentioned. Here indeed is a militant administrative agency that is the source of infinite business confusion on prices, discounts, and legally permissible business efficiency. To do full credit to the confusion emanating from this one agency alone would require volumes.

I will comment only on its recent report on "The Merger Movement."

The report points out that we are now undergoing the fourth major phase of business merging or consolidation, and the concentration of economic power is growing to the point where free enterprise is in jeopardy. The Commission feels that as concentration of wealth increases, protection of the consumer by competitive actions in a free market becomes virtually nil under the dead hand of capitalistic control. Under these conditions, the Commission argues, the consumer must be protected from extortion by government edict replacing the protective functions performed by competition. I quote:

> "No great stretch of the imagination is required to foresee that if nothing is done to check the growth in concentration, either the giant corporations will ultimately take over the country, or the government will be impelled to step in and impose some form of direct regulation in the public interest. In either event, collectivism will have triumphed over free enterprise, and the theory of competition will have been relegated to the limbo of well-intentioned but ineffective ideals."

"Alice in FTC-Land"

The cause of the growing concentration of economic power is attributed by the FTC to the "loophole" in the Clayton Act that permits a corporation to buy the assets of competitors. Because of this "loophole," the gargantuan corporations are pictured as moving freely about, gobbling up small business men in a cannibalistic manner to eliminate or stifle competition. Having consumed an adequacy of such business rivals, the gourmand corporation sits in dull stupor and collects ransom from all innocent consumers. Because of this imaginary ghoulish economic hobgoblin, the Commission has issued perhaps its most strident warning in 25 years of jousting with windmills:

> "The Commission believes that the economic forces, on which it has been basing its warnings, require that a definite

> choice be made. Either this country is going down the road to collectivism, or it must stand and fight for competition as the protector of all that is embodied in free enterprise. Crucial in that fight must be some effective means of preventing giant corporations from steadily increasing their power at the expense of small business. Therein lies the real significance of the proposed amendment to the Clayton Act, for without it the rise in economic concentration cannot be checked nor the opportunity for a resurgence of effective competition be preserved."

Although the FTC sounds the warning on collectivization, its tenets on purchase of assets, prices and functional discounts, for example, would speed us faster toward a state-controlled economy.

I believe I have presented a fair summary of governmental concern resulting from the so-called merger movement.

The corrections suggested are either of a punitive nature directed toward dismemberment of the giant corporation or the passage of additional regulatory laws that replace free enterprise with statism. Here is indeed a semantic riddle. *Freedom* of enterprise and *freedom* of competition are to be preserved by inflicting more government restrictions, regulations and controls on the business community.

If the rate of business mergers is increasing — if mergeritis threatens our competitive business system — any cure limited to the creation of more controls over the merged parties or to their divorcement by government decree does not strike at the conditions that create mergers.

If these corporate marriages are undesirable why wait until annulment is necessary? Is it not time to find out whose hand holds the shotgun at the wedding?

I agree with the legislators and with the Federal Trade Commission on one important point. I believe we are on the road to collectivism. There is no question in my mind that "collectivism will triumph over free enterprise" *unless* our government honestly seeks to find and correct the causes for this trend. While railing at business — big business — can get a Congressman — or a Senator — or even a President elected — this does not answer the problem.

The answer is not to be found in smears and name calling. The answer is not to be found in more laws to create more controls over business that lead us only to another kind of monopoly: Statism.

I suggest that it will be worthwhile to turn the government's inquiring eye on itself – and determine how the government's legislative and administrative bodies contribute to the delinquency of small business.

Government Pressure Solely to Blame

The sale of ALLIED OIL constitutes a segment of the merger movement so feared by those who presently assume to speak for government. Yet, no competitor gobbled up our little company. There was no monopolistic grabbing of our facilities. We had done pretty well in competition with the largest oil companies in our marketing area and, given freedom, I have no fears for little business men in competition with their big competitors. No competitor bought us out to rid themselves of a troublesome rival. There was no threat of reprisal by any business man or corporation if we didn't sell. Our business was growing – had grown continuously over 23 years – and there was no internal economic compulsion to sell out.

The economic pressure – the economic necessity – was of government origin.

Hence I should like to put this challenge to the government in all its operations:

1. Will the government make a real study of WHY small businesses are now being merged? Find out, and scientifically measure, the composite causes that make literally thousands of small business men sell out or seek to sell out.
2. Will the government then seek to correct the framework within which business must operate to eliminate or minimize the causative factors?
3. Will the government seek to establish an environment that will restore the confidence of savers, investors and business men? At least, will it give the enterprising middle class an equal hearing with labor and agriculture?

I believe if this inquiry is pursued with the diligence, honesty and dignity that has characterized the Hoover Commission, we can dig down to the roots of mergeritis. We can prepare a soil that will encourage the free growth of competitive business. On this basis the trend to collectivism will be checked.

Our elected and apopinted officials *TALK* for a free, competitive economy. Let them ACT as though they believe what they say. There is no inexorable tide of collectivization except as we allow ourselves to drift in that direction.

While ALLIED OIL was an independent, going concern, we did not ask for government protection against anybody — or for government guarantees on prices, income and profits. We would still be in business except for the unrealistic tax laws that forced us to sell our company.

The owners of ALLIED OIL have been merged out of business. As one of the two owners, neither post facto investigations, decrees nor edicts by a paternal government can bring me back to life as a competitive factor in the oil marketing business.

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